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“ It is impossible for me to conceive a work which ought to be more interesting to the present age than that which exhibits before our eyes our fathers as they lived, accompanied with such memorials of their lives and characters as to enable us to compare their persons and countenances with their sentiments and actions”

-- Sir Walter Scott.



PREFACE

The years of 1913—1915 the Author spent in gathering the genealogical data in this book.

Letters were sent to everyone we could find who were connected to this Allen Clan, in many states. At first our efforts met without much help from members of the families of the various branches. After the first year, our people began to take interest and the data began to come in. About three years of letter writing, much of the material was in, so it could be put into a condensed form, merely giving dates of birth, marriage and deaths, without any real history of the members of this large family.

Now after some twenty years of time, the Author is putting into the press this data, with some other history of the Samuel Allen family, not attempting to bring the names and dates of of birth, death, and marriages of the family after the year of 1915, but rather to broaden the information gathered at that time.

We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Nelson Hulbert of Mt. Freedom N.J. for help in gathering the dates and names of the Amzie Allen branch, and to Mr. George H. Wolfe of Dover on the Mary Allen branch. To A.E. Pierson of Morristown for untiring help on the Eunice Allen branch, and to Mrs. Catherine C. Rutan Doland of Chicago for her help on the Abigail Allen branch, and to Leo and Frank Allen of Dover who acted as round-up-men for the Author back in Jersey where most of this history was made.

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Family records, old bibles, and church yards were consulted to get this data. We have endeavored to make these pages as full and correct as possible. We hope this little book will be some help to other generations yet to come, in the preparation of a more extensive account of of this family. I believe the coming generation will find this a good family to run back to. We should be proud of our lineage.

Its interesting to note the general trend of this family. The heads of the several branches were mechanical. Most of the men had some kind of a trade. Samuel Allen was a blacksmith. William, his son, was a shoemaker. Captain David S. Allen was a Carpenter. Erastus D. a master decorator. Charles a teacher and a mason builder and so on.

This mechanical turn is shown down though the family. To me this is a fine thing in this white collar day, when most would rather not soil their hands with mechanical work.

Yours very truly,

George W. Allen

La Porte Indiana

1937



Samuel Allen Home
At Shongum New Jersey



COAT OF ARMS



THE ALLEN COAT OF ARMS

SHIELD-

The escutcheon, where the bearing of the Coat of Arms are placed.

BENDS-

The bend is a strip across the shield from left hand corner at the top to the right hand corner below. It stands for one of the honorable ordinaries.

ROUNDLES-

Is a round plate near the top made of silver, it is flat and without any impressions on it.

CROSS-

Back of the "BEND" is a cross.

HELMIT-

The helmit is of the Esquire or Gentlemen.

LAMBREQUIN-

Is a flowing drapery used to keep out the heat, being exposed in battle to the cuts of the sword, it was sometimes cut into shreds. The color outside to be AZURE (blue) The inside OR-Gold.

CREST-

The figure over the helmit with bow and arrow, standing upon two bands of silk interwoven or twisted together, one to be the tincture of the principal metal and one the principal color of the arms. This wreath is placed between the helmit and the crest. The Lambrequin being blue, the shield and roundles are silver, Hence the wreath is blue and silve.

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PROGENITORS OF THE ALLEN FAMILY

The Allen family, from the best evidence obtained, came from England, Scotland and Ireland. The history records show, the people who settled in Sandwich Mass. Weymouth and other towns near Boston, came from England. From Essex, Manchester, Oxfordshire and other counties and towns about that country.

It is not definitely known from which of the illustrious lines of the English family these first emigrants to America belong, but it is generally believed they came from an honored family of England, and we may be rightfully proud of our heritage.

We of the Samuel Allen branch can truly be called "Jerseyites" because since Samuel Allen birth in 1751 at Hanover, Morris County, this early family were all born in this county. These people did their full part in the building of the community in which they lived. History has this to say about the Allen family. "The descendants of every branch of this family in America have spread to practically every state in the union, and have done much for the growth of the country as their ancestors aided in the founding of the nation."

They have been noted for their energy, industry, integrity, piety, perseverance, fortitude, patience, initiative, courage, and leadership.

Some of the men fought in the war of the Revolution. We have the record, showing that Samuel Allen served in Captain Joseph Lindsly's Company of Artificers.

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ALLENS IN AMERICA

In the study of any family that has survived a long period of years, you will find certain general traits and characteristics. The Allens in the early days in America were law abiding. They were leaders in conquering the wilderness, and helped to develop the community in which they lived. They liked pioneering and moved out to the front, to start life in a new country.

Several branches of the family moved west and settled in Ohio, Michigan and other states, where they did their full part in making for the coming generations, the fine communities we now enjoy. The Ethan Allen branch settled in and around Genesee county New York.

Later, some of them moved on to Ohio and Michigan. Quite a large settlement of this family are near Lansing Michigan. They hold a Family Reunion each year at McCurdy Park, Corrunna, Michigan. They publish a small paper called, "The Ethan Allen family News".

The Ralph Allen branch are found in New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Massachusetts and many other states. The Samuel Allen branch of Morris County New Jersey have spread over the United States --California, New Mexico, Illinois, Indiana, Washington, Pennsylvania and other states. It is this family we are most interested, because it is our branch of this great American family of Allens. This branch are just good common folks, who were never afraid to work. Many of them were craftsmen of some

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kind, they never held high places in the political world, this may be the reason they were willing to work.

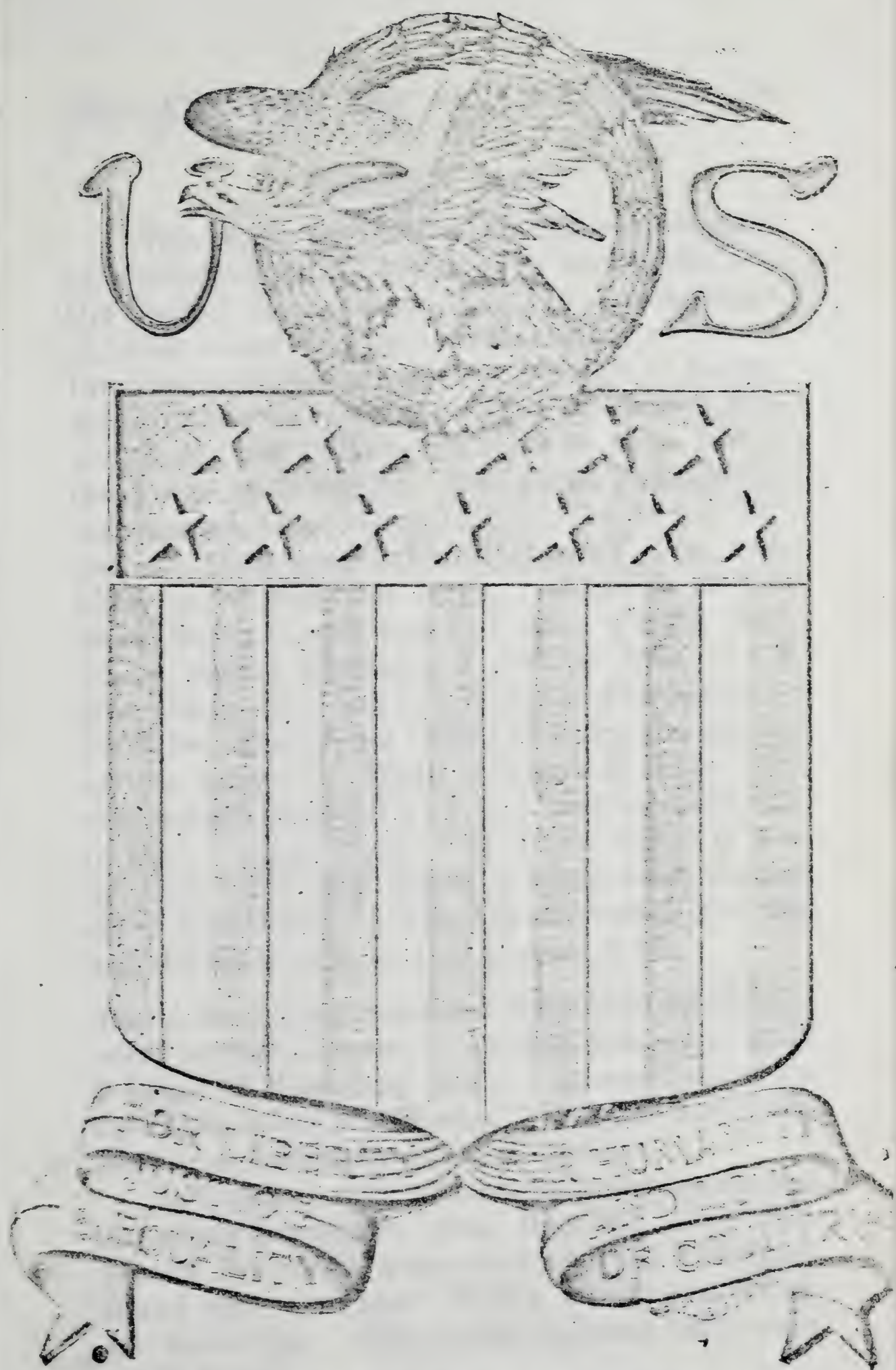
In my check-up of this family, I found no record of any member of the family having been in jail or doing any unlawful act, so I take it, the Allen's are good average American citizens, doing their part in making the country a good safe place to live. They love nature and nature's art, and all things beautiful. Music and art is shown down through the family.

Engineers and Architects are found among them. In the American Institute of Architects there are eleven Allen members.

Many others are practicing who are not members of A.I.A. Architecture being a favorite profession with the family. Farmers, Craftsmen, Doctors, Lawyers etc. came along for their share in this family.

So if you have Allen blood in your veins, you may be proud of your lineage.





This drawing was made by the author, for
a Thrift Stamp sale during the World War.

PIONEER LIFE

This Allen family lived in the pioneer days of Morris County. They lived in the richest Iron Ore district in the east. Saw the development of these mines and the manufacturing of the ore into cast and wrought iron. It is a part of history that iron ore was carried in saddle bags over horses backs from Dickerson's mine at Mine Hill to the Forge at Shongum. This Forge was near the old Samuel Allen Homestead. The iron "he" Samuel Allen used in his blacksmith shop, most likely came from this forge. Records in 1716 show, Morris County had 52 Forges, with 88 fires. There were 4 Furnaces, 2 Setting Mills and 5 Iron Mines. The forge at Shongum was owned by Ed Stiles. Our people helped to make the history of this county. When we think of these men who sought these hills of iron that was inherent in the "black stone" of this country, it was by their labor and strength, they made the ore serve humanity. The Allens were on the job and did their part in this pioneer work.

The Allen family were the early iron manufacturers in New Jersey. In 1730 Job Allen built a forge in Rockaway N.J. It was known as the "Job Allen Iron Works." This was one of the first Iron Industries in New Jersey.

It has been said, the cannon balls used in the American Revolution came from the Allen Iron Works. For many years cannon balls have been found near the Iron Works when excavating for buildings. This would indicate balls were made here.

THE ALLEN FAMILY

The name Allen has passed through many changes in spelling, but the present well-known form has been in general use since the thirteenth century.

The name has been found in a very early period, even before the Christian era, spelled Ala, from the Aryan word "al" meaning mountainous. The first-place named was Mount Alannus, north of the Caspian sea, and the people of that locality were known as the Alani tribe.

Later this name is found in Britain, then it was transferred to Britany where it flourished for many centuries, and finally brought back to Britain by Alrn I, a general in the army of William the Conqueror, who after the historic battle of Hasting in 1066, was created Earl of Richmond.

At his death his title passed to his brother, Alan II, and from him was handed down for many generations.

One of the first members of this family to use the name as it is now spelled was Henry Allen, Lord of Buckenhall, Staffordshire, England in 1272. Robert Henry Allen, high sheriff of County Devon, 1851 traced his descent in a direct line to Henry.

John Allyn, a canon of Windsor, was born 1372 William Allen, born 1532, was made Cardinal in 1581. Henry Allen was bailiff of Yarmouth, 1271 Johannes Allen was a member of parliament from Yarmouth, 1314.

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In London, 1246, Pyers Alleyn was Lord Mayor of that city. There were many of this name with titles of high degree, dukes and lords, who are found in every period of England's History.

Most of the branches spelling the name, Allen, Allyn, Alleyn and Alleyne can be traced to Henry.

It is found in ancient records various forms Alan, Alein, Alleine, Alleyne, Aleyne, Alland, Aleyn, Alleyen, Allin, Allyng, Alling, Alline, Alen, Allaine, Allain, Alin, Allyne, Allan and Allen, of which the last two are the forms most generally accepted in America to-day.

There were many "first settlers" of this family in America. Too many to recount here, but one of the earliest arrivals was Edward who left London in 1690. His vessel was attacked off Portsmouth, N.H. by pirates, a common occurrence in that day, but he effected his escape and made his way to Nantucket, R.I., where he settled. He served his community as juror, constable and trustee.

The great number of the Allen pilgrims who settled in New England in the earliest days of the colony is sufficient evidence to warrant the vast number of descendants in every part of the United States today. There were Allens who were of the New Jersey and Virginia colonies also.

North Jersey had Allen families as early as 1683. These Allens came to New Jersey from Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

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The branch this family is descendent of, is Ralph Allen, who lived in Newport Rhode Island in 1638, in Weymouth Mass. in 1639, in Rehoboth Mass. in 1643, and in Sandwich in 1651.

Ralph Allen was one of the first Quaker Converts in Massachussetts and confined in jail at Boston for his Quakerism.

Mr. John K. Allen of Boston, has traced the following descendants from Ralph Allen.

Begining with Ralph Allen, the next generation is Jedidiah Allen who went to New Jersey in 1683, Henry who was born in Sandwich Mass. and died in Crosswich New Jersey. Jacob was born in Shrewsbury New Jersey, and died at Morristown N.J. Aaron Allen born at South Hanover N.J. about 1725 to 1730. Samuel Allen and his son Samuel who was born at Shongum N.J. April 4th. 1778.

It is not known at this time just where Ralph Allen came from, but it is beleived he came from England, bcause he lived in Newport R.I. only 18 years after the Pilgaim fathers landed at Plymouth Rock.

We know very little about Ralph, Jedidiah or Henry except as above stated. Jacob Allen we find in the New Jersey history the following-

John K. Allen of Chicago and later of Boston who is a descendant, believes Jacob Allen belonged to the Suffield family, born about 1702.

Mr. Allen believes that he was a son of Benjamin Allen and was born between Edward and Mercy. As far as I see, the only reason

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for believing this to be the case is the similarity in names between the two families.

He was a weaver, as was Benjamin.

The name of Jacob Allen's first wife I have not yet found. He lived in Morris township at "South Hanover", later called "Battle Hill", and now Madison N.J. He married a second time, at Morristown, on January 15th 1751, to Naomi, widow of George Day of Turkey (now New Providence). She was born about 1714.

Jacob Allen's will, dated May 24th. 1774 names six children, his wife, son Aaron, deceased, and his son Samuel. Jacob Allen Jr. is known to have been his son, and from the fact that none of his children are mentioned in the will, I take it that he had none, or at any rate, no sons.

This is not proof, however. The daughter Elizabeth is not mentioned in the will, but she was married on the same day as her brother Aaron, and to a brother of the latter's wife, and she named one of her children Jacob, so I think it is safe to assume that she was a daughter of Jacob. She died just one month before her father made his will. Jacob Allen died March 29th. 1779, and his widow Naomi died at Morristown March 9th. 1784, age 70.

The children of Jacob and Allen
1. Aaron, born 1725-30. Married Abigail Bunnell and died 176- .

2. Elizabeth, born about 1735. Married Nathaniel Bunnell of Turkey on November 28th. 1750, and died April 20th. 1774 in her 39th. year.

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3. Henry, born about 1732. died June 4th. 1803, age 71 years. There was a H.A. in Chatham in 1781.
4. Hannah, born about 173-. Married ----- Hathaway. Given name not known.
5. Gilbert, born 1735 or 36. Married Elizabeth ----- and died Jan. 6th. 1816.
6. Jacob, born about 1738. Married Elizabeth Miller and died June 9th. 1764.
7. John, born about 174-. Married Rebecca-----
- 8 Susanna, born about 174-.
- 9 Moses, born about 1753. a son of Jacob's 2d. wife. Married Elizabeth Turner, died Nov.9th. 1823.

Aaron Allen, son of Jacob Allen, was born at South Hanover probably between 1725 and 30.

He married at Morristown Nov. 28th 1750 to Abigail, daughter of Nathaniel and Joanne (Miller) Bunnel, who was born in Elizabeth Borough, probably at Turkey, Nov. 17th. 1735.

Aaron Allen died about 1760, and on Sept. 28th. 1766 his widow married Thomas Gardner of Springfield. She died at Springfield of old age, June 10th. 1824. The Gardner Bible, which has been lost, contained the dates of birth of all of Abigail's children by both husbands, and date of Abigail's birth, but Aaron Allen's name was not mentioned.

The children of Aaron 2 and Abigail(Bunnel) Allen, are,

1. Samuel, born Nov.27th. 1751.

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Married Hannah Beach and died Dec. 15th. 1828.

2. Abigail, born Jan. 18th. 1754. Married, Mar. 29th. 1772 to Thomas Gardner, Jr., of Springfield, and died April 9th. 1814. He was born Sept-25th. 1752.

3. Uriah born June 13th. 1756. Married Rachel Coe.

4. David, born October 1st. 1758. Married Terviah Carnes, and died Nov.-----1804.

Samuel Allen, son of Aaron and Abigail (Bunnel) Allen, was born at South Hanover Nov. 27th. 1751. He served during the Revolution as a private in the Massachusetts line, and also with the Essex County troops, and was pensioned in 1819. He was Married at Morris-town, July 4th. 1779, to Hannah Beach, who was born at Mendham, Oct. 29th. 1761. She was a granddaughter to Epentus Beach of Newark, but I have not been able to find her father's name. They lived at Jefferson Village, in Springfield township, Essex County, and attended the Springfield Church. "Capt". Allen, as he was called, died Dec. 15th. 1828, and his widow March 25th. 1851. nearly ninety years old.

The children of Samuel and Hannah (Beach) Allen.

1. Elizabeth, born Nov.14th. 1780.

2. Abigail, born Sept. 6th. 1782. Married Walter Smith and died Sept. 30th. 1853

3. Nancy, born June 13th. 1784. Married Uriah Gardner, and died April 14th. 1864.

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4. Aaron, born Dec. 7th. 1786.
5. Sarah, born Sept. 1st. 1788.
6. David Osborn, born Feb. 3rd. 1792. Died. Dec. 14th. 1806. Unmarried.
7. Asenath, born Mar. 25th. 1794.
8. Samuel M. born June 8th. 1796.
9. William Gardner, born Dec. 1st. 1798.
10. John Beach, born, Jan. 6th. 1802.

The records, show that before his marriage to Miss. Hannah Beach, there was a union between Samuel Allen and Miss.-----Smith, daughter of Rev. Smith of Shongum. From this union a son was born, who was named Samuel Allen. His marriage bond gave his residence as Roxbury.

.....Samuel Allen, Son of Samuel Allen and -----Smith Allen, was born at Shongum April 4th. 1778. Died at Mt. Freedom 1866.

The above record of the Allen family from Jacob Allen down to this point was taken from the Gardner manuscripts of the Allen family at the New Jersey Historical Society at Newark N.J.



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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

TRENTON AUGUST 25, 1930.

George W. Allen,
Savings Bank Building,
La Porte, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Complying with request contained in your communication of August 13th. there is enclosed herewith a certified copy of the Revolutionary War service of Samuel Allen, who served as an Artificer in Captain Joseph Lindsly's Company of Artificers.

Very truly yours,
Frederick Gilkyson,
Brigadier General,
The Adjutant General.



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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Office of the Adjutant General

August 25th. 1930.

IT IS CERTIFIED, That the records of this office show that SAMUEL ALLEN, served as Artificer, Captain Joseph Lindsly's Company of Artificers, Continental Army, between 4th. to 10th. of March, 1776, enlisted for one year; went to Canada; served until April 1777, and was discharged at Morristown; testimony show that he was at battle of Connecticut Farm, June 7th. 1780, and battle of Springfield June 23, 1780; it is asserted that he was in the French and Indian War; elected and commissioned Ensign, Captain Joseph Beach's Thirteenth Company, Eastern Regiment, Morris County Military, Colonel Ellis Cook, April 16th. 1777.

Born Morris County N.J. Died Essex County N.J. Dec. 15th. 1828.

Frederick Gilkyson, The Adjutant General.



Samuel Allen, son of Samuel and----- Smith Allen was born at Shongum April 4th 1778. Married Abigail Kitchen, who died Oct. 25th. 1809 and was buried at Rockaway N.J. He then married Jane Parsons, she was born Sept. 26th. 1790, and died (no date) He then married Mary Parsons a sister of Jane's. She died (no date) He then married Prudence Ross. He was a Blacksmith by trade, he was an Esquire, serving as Justice of Peace for many years at Shongum.

He was quite a prominent man there in his community and was loved by all who knew him.

He was a member of the Rockaway Presbyterian church in 1818.

The children of Samuel and Abigail Kitchen Allen are-

1. William Allen, born July 31st. 1803. Died Sept. 27th. 1881.
2. Eunice Allen, born April 10th. 1805. Died Dec. 11th 1892.

The children of Samuel and Jane Parsons Allen are.

1. Amzie Allen, born Feb. 10th. 1811. Died Jan. 5th. 1907.
2. Robert Allen, born Dec. 7th. 1815. Died Mar. 24th. 1888.
3. Mary Jane, born Nov. 10th. 1817, Died Mar. 18th. 1900.
4. Catharine Allen born Aug. 8th. 1819. Died April. 3rd. 1893.
5. Phebe Ann Allen, born Aug. 10th. 1821 Died (no date)

The children of Samuel and Mary Parsons

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Allen are —

1. Henry B. Allen, born Nov. 21st. 1827, died Nov. 26th. 1903.
2. Jane Allen, born Jan. 28th. 1829, died (no date)
3. Elizabeth Allen, born Feb. 13th. 1831, died (no date)
4. Alfred L. Allen, born May 23rd. 1832, died March 3rd. 1913.

Samuel and Prudence Ross had no children.

John K. Allen of Boston, who has given many years in reaserch, finds that Ralph Allen of whom we are direct descendants, lived in Weymouth Massachussetts from 1639 to 1643. He also found a George Allen lived in Weymouth at the same time and he assumes they were brothers.

The Media Research Bureau of Washington D.C. gives the name of George Allen living in Weymouth in 1641. It would seem reasonable to assume these men were brothers. If they were, and George is the person who is said to have left England in 1635 for Lynn Mass. whence he removed to Sandwich. The records show that Ralph lived in Sandwich about this time. Owing to the small population of this place at that time and families of the same name not so plentyful in this new country, that these men might easliy be brothers. Thus, connecting our branch to the Allen family of England.



SHONGUM

Shongum, the lake of the hills,
As it glistens in the sun, gives one a thrill.
The reflection of the woods along its shore,
To these Picture, adds more
Beauty across its mirror like surface,
On a still morning, along the water race.

It was here in the years of long ago,
Lived a man we would like to know
More about the things he had said and done,
And learn of the victories he won,
By being faithful of every charge,
Serving his community at large.

His blacksmith fire was all aglow,
Ready to heat the iron of a bolster bow.
When red hot, it went to the anvil near,
Where the ring of his hammer you could hear,
As it re-echoed across the lake,
The ring of the anvil along the wake.

This little villiage and its lake,
Had its beauties of natures make.
It was here Samuel Allen lived and raised,
A family of boys and girls of other days,
Who now honor his name among the very best,
As we think of Shongum, over the mountain crest.

Shongum and what it stands
For the Allen's all over the American land.
It was here our early history began,
Back in 1778 was born our noble sire,
Who gave the world a family to admire,
For a service that was inspired.



WILLIAM ALLEN son of Samuel and Abigail Kitchen Allen was born July 31st .1803, died at Dover N.J. Sept. 27th. 1881 and was burried at the Headley burying ground at Milton.

He married Lydia Norris, (date not known) She was born May 9th. 1802, died Aug. 11th. 1834.

The children of William and Lydia Norris Allen are—

1. Ogden Allen, born Dec. 29th. 1827, died Jan. 19th. 1828.
2. Elizabeth Allen, born Apr. 7th. 1828, died Apr. 11th. 1828.
3. Jacob Allen, born Apr. 6th. 1830, died May 6th. 1830.
4. Ira Allen, born Nov. 23rd. 1832, died Nov 11th. 1904, at Dover N.J. These children were all born at Milton in a log cabin just north of the Hotel. This cabin stood in what is now the garden of the Thomas Jennings Home.

These children and their mother are all burried at the Headley Grave yard except Ira who lies at Locust Hill in Dover, William Allen married a second time to Miss. Jane McCormack of Milton May 7th. 1840, she was born July 10th. 1813.

Their children are--

1. Charles Allen, born March 18th. 1841, died June 16th. 1882.
2. Abigail Allen, born May 5th. 1843, died May 19th. 1862.
3. Maurice Allen, born June 10th. 1845, died Mar. 30th 1876.

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4. Harriett Allen, born Nov. 12th. 1847, died April 10th. 1862.
5. William H. Allen, born Nov. 13th. 1850, died Dec. 7th. 1902.
6. Augusta Allen, born Dec. 21st. 1852, died June 30th, 1918. (this date is believed correct)
7. John Allen, born Aug. 30th. 1857, died Jan. 2nd. 1860.
8. John Allen No. 2 born July 19th. 1860, died July 14th. 1895.

All these children were born in that fine old Colonial home known these days as the Jennings Home at Milton, N.J.

William Allen built this Colonial home for his bride, Jane McCormack at Milton, about 1839

The home to-day is in fine condition, having been in only two families who have kept it in good repair. This family are all buried at Milton and Oak Ridge except William H. who is burried at Albuquerque New Mexico, and John No. 2 who lies at Denver Colorado.

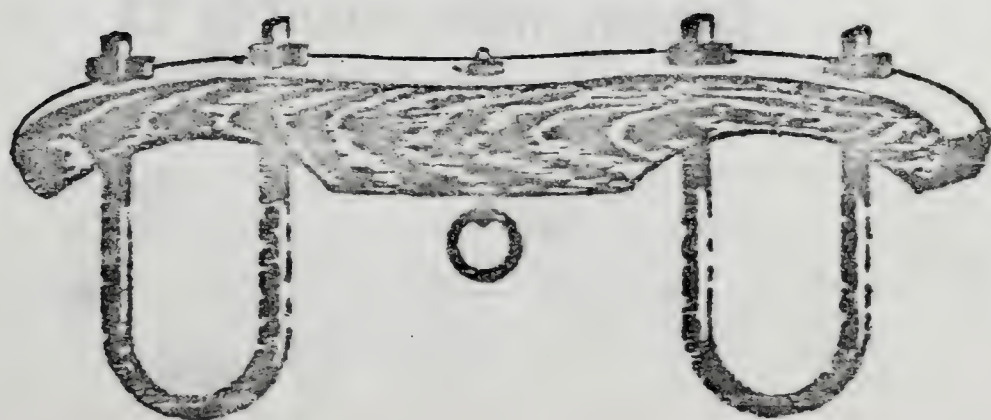
William Allen Sr. was a shoemaker by trade, also a farmer. He had a ciump foot. but was very active on foot. and quick in his actions.

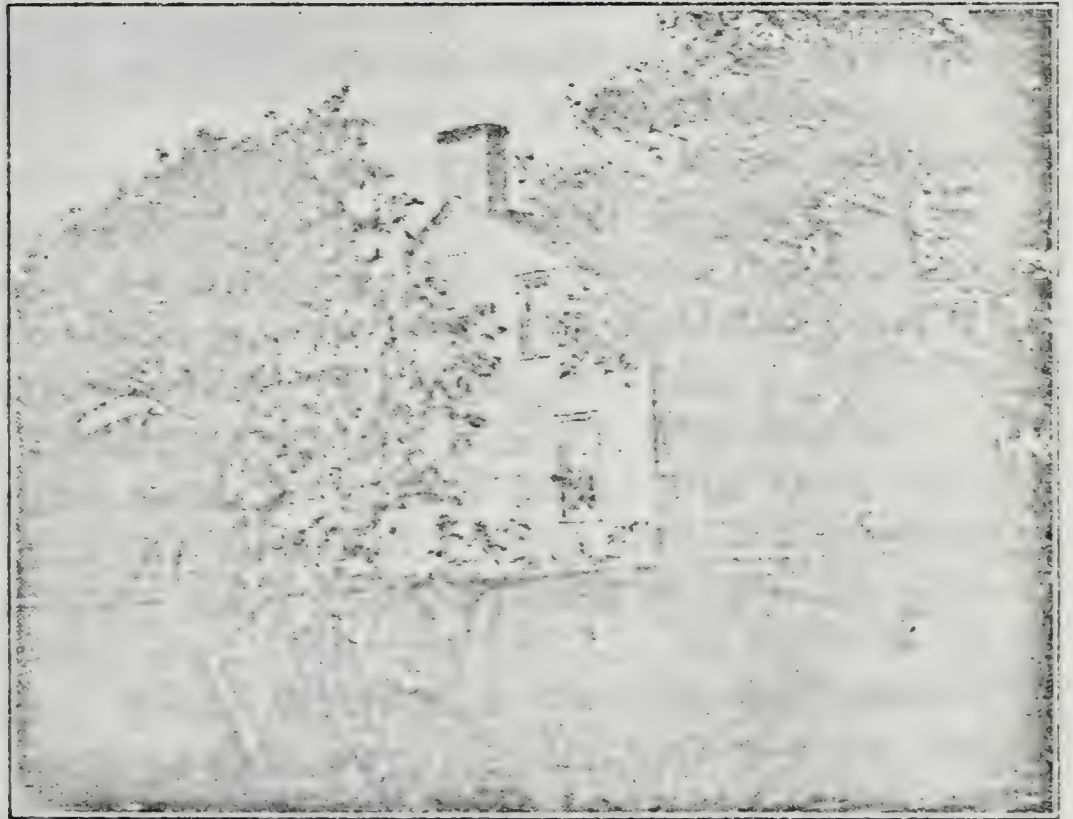
In the California gold rush, he made the trip by boat from New York to the Isthumus of Panama, then crossed the mountain on foot, then by boat to California. He and a man by the name of Stone, made boots at night for the miners and washed gold in the day time. When he came home after the rush he had lots of money.

He was very progressive, he had the first horse mowing machine, hay rake and corn cultivator in his community.

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It has been said of him, after his trip from the gold field, it was a common sight to see a large roll of paper money tied up with a wax end laying on the window sill near his cobblers bench as he pegged on the soles. He was very hardy and strong. At one time he cut his leg with a scythe, and it required several stitches taken in it, so he fixed up some linen thread, then took his awl and started to sew it up, but fainted away trying to do this. The family called Dr. Coursin who finished the job for him. At the time of his death he had beautiful long silky white hair extending almost to his shoulders. So far as we know, he never had his picture taken, He died at the home of Wm. H. Allen in Dover N.J. When the Presbyterian Church was built at Oak Ridge he had a pew built in it for his family. The pews all had gates next to the aisle, so when the family was all seated, he closed the gate and the children stayed until the meeting was over. He was a member of this church for many years.





THE WILLIAM ALLEN HOMESTEAD
AT MILTON, NEW JERSEY,



RA ALLEN son of Wm. and Lydia Norris Allen, was the fourth child born to this union.

He was born Nov. 23rd 1832, in a log cabin that stood in the garden south of the present Jennings home at Milton.

As a boy he attended the Milton school where his half brothers and half sisters went to school. As a young man he served his apprenticeship with a firm in Newark N.J. and became an expert Saddler. His firm sent him to Augusta Georgia to take charge of their branch store.

In the south horse-back riding was very popular and this firm had a large trade in saddles.

He spent many years in their service, in fact until the Civil War started. He enlisted in General Wade Hampton's Cavalier and served the south in that war. He rode a very fine black horse all through the war and came out with his horse at the finish. He was a proud old batchelor, a fine dresser. It was said when he returned home from the south his pants were lined with silk. Soon after the war, he was stricken with a stroke of paralysis at Augusta Ga.

His brother Charles Allen went south and brought him to Milton. After his father's death he came to live with his brothers wife, Mrs. Charles Allen at Dover. For many years he dragged one foot all over North Jersey, selling needles and other small articles he could carry in a small satchel. He was known and liked by the many people who bought his wares.

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CHARLES ALLEN

Charles Allen, son of William and Jane McCormack Allen, was born Mar, 18th. 1841, at Milton N.J. He spent his boyhood days in Milton, attended the one room school at the fork of the road east of the Meisle store, where he afterward was the teacher. As a young man he attended the Pennington College at Pennington N.J. He taught school for nine years in Milton and other near by places. In 1870 his health failed him so he gave up teaching and moved to Dover, and learned the mason trade with Ira C. Cooper a Mason Contractor in Dover.

For many years he did all the bookkeeping and estimating for Cooper, infact did all the office work and worked at other times at the mason trade.

He married Miss. Sarah C. Allison of Milton, Aug. 15th. 1863. Nine children were born to them. Four died in infancy, the other five grew to man and womenhood. He was of average height and of slight build, light brown hair and brown eyes. He was of a diffident disposition, and very kind to his family. Like his father, was known for his integrity, but lacked the push and hustle of his father, he was a bright man, a deep thinker and, had he had the health to back him up, would have made a success in life.

Poor health and lack of self-confidence kept him an unknown man in the business world. Yet to them who knew him best, he left a legacy in the memory, of a noble man, of clean charactor, full of hope for the success of his children, in whom he took great pride, in his modest way. He died in Newark June 16th. 1882. Was burried at Oak Ridge N.J.

SARAH C. ALLISON ALLEN

Wife of Charles Allen was born September 22nd. 1843, and died February 5th. 1936, at her daughters home at Tabor N.J. and was burried beside her husband, Charles Allen at Oak Ridge.

She was the oldest daughter of David C. Allison and spent her girlhood days around Milton.

She attended the same school her husband later taught. After their marriage, went to house keeping in the old homestead (the Jennings house) at Milton, where two sons, George and Leo were born. From there, they moved to the farm now known as the Washborn place, where a pair of twins, William and David were born. Frank too was born in this home.

From here they moved to Dover N.J.

For a year or so lived in a five family flat along the D.L.&W.R.R at the foot of Orchard Street. In the mean time a new home was being built on Lincoln Avenue, Mt. Hope Avenue, as it was called before the streets were named or at least generally used. Some years after her husbands death, she married Joseph P. Leighton Jr. One child was born to this union, They named her Laura. She is married and lives in California. She has two sons. Joseph P Leighton died some years ago, is burried at Locust Hill, Dover. After his death she lived with her daughter, Mrs. William T. Leighton, at Tabor.

She was always very active, had wonderful eyes, never wore any glasses. She pieced Log Cabin Quilts up to her last days. Died at the age of 92 years and five months,

ABIGAIL ALLEN

Abigail Allen, born May 5th. 1843, at the Jennings home. She died May 19th. 1862 at the age of 18 years. She attended the Milton school as a girl. She always lived at home.

MAURICE ALLEN

Maurice Allen, born June 10th. 1845 in the Jennings house, and died in the Washborn house April 10th. 1876. He was a harness maker and a cigar maker by trade. He had a shop in the second story over the wash house across the road from the Washborn house. In the morning he would make up and fill the forms with tobacco filler, then put them in a press to form, in the meantime he made and repaired harness. In the afternoon he put on the wrappers, or the outside cover on the cigar, cut them to length and box them ready to ship. He loved his two nephews and was always ready for any fun or jokes he could have with them. One morning the boys came in his shop, and Leo said "Uncle Maurice" these buttons on my pants don't stay on, I wish you would sew them on with a wax end.

All right my boy, get up on the horse and I will fix you in fine style. The button was made fast and secure with a wax end, but sewed near the seat of the pants. instead of the band, so when he buttoned Leo's waist to this button he could not get one foot to the floor. Uncle Maurice stood back and had a good laugh at the boy. Then he sewed it on in its proper place.

He was a good workman and had a good business back there on the farm. He never married.

HARRIETT ALLEN

Harriett Allen, born Nov. 12th. 1847 at the Jennings home. Died April 10th. 1862, at the age of 15 years. She and her sister, Abigail died within 39 days of each other. Making a very sad home by taking two almost grown daughters in so short a time. They both had Tuberculous.

WILLIAM H. ALLEN

William Allen, born Nov. 13th. 1850, at the Jennings home. He was a Broom maker and a Mason by trade, but followed the mason trade most of his life. He attended the Milton school when a boy, He worked at the mason trade in Dover in the late seventies.

He married Miss. Mary Jane Gregory April 5th. 1877. She was born Oct. 29th. 1856.

Two children were born to them. May, born May 30th. 1879, at Oak Ridge N.J. LaRoy born Sept. 29th. 1894, at Denver Colorado.

William H. Allen moved to Oakdale Nebraska from New Jersey, and did mason contracting for some years. His brother John No .2 lived and worked with him. Later he moved to Denver and Boulder Colorado, where he worked at the mason trade. From here, moved with his family to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he died Dec. 7th. 1902. He lived on a Ranch just outside the city and did contracting business until his death. His wife died only a few years ago.

May and Leroy are still in Albuquerque.

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AUGUSTA ALLEN

Augusta Allen, born Dec. 21st. 1852 at the old homestead — the Jennings home.

She married Alfred L Day, Nov.12th. 1874.

Four children were born to this union.

At first they lived at Paradise N.J. After some years they moved to Brooklin N.Y. where she died June 30th 1918 and burried at Oak Ridge N.J. Her children are

1. Frank Arthur Day, born Aug. 18th. 1876.
2. Jennie Etta Day, born June 24th. 1879.
3. Raymond Merrill Day born July 22nd. 1880.
4. Bertha Lulu Day, born Aug. 26th. 1884.

Arthur and Bertha carry on a Photograph Printing shop in Booklyn N.Y.

Jennie Ella Day, married Dewitt Mc Ewen Mar. 1st 1911. He was born Mar.1st 1870, at Pine Bush, N.Y. For some years they ran a chicken ranch at Tulare, California.

Raymond Merrill Day married Violet Thompson, July 17th 1921.

Arthur and Bertha never married.

John Allen No 2 was a mason by trade. He worked with his brother William in the contracting business until his health failed. He spent a year or so trying to regain his health but died July 14th 1895 at Denver Colo. John never married.

GEORGE WOOD ALLEN

George W. Allen, born June 5th 1864 at the old Jennings home at Milton. Attended his first school at the old Milton school house.

His father, Charles Allen was his teacher.

Soon after this time the family moved to Dover, this being in the spring of 1871. where he attended the little two room white school at the foot of Morris Hill, near the railroad.

Later he went to the north side school on McFarlan Street. As a young man he learned the mason trade with Ira C. Cooper and finished his training with Smith & Eckhart after Cooper's death.

In July 1884 he went to Three Oaks Michigan.

On August 17th was married to Miss. Ida M. Love. They have two children, William Marion Allen and Clara Elizabeth Allen.

He followed the mason contracting work with Mrs. Allen's grandfather, E. S. Martin until 1891, when he went to Northern Indiana University at Valparaiso, Indiana. Here taking a course in art and mathematics, prepared himself for his lifes work.

In 1894, he moved to LaPorte, Indiana for the practice of Architecture. Times were pretty dull right after the Chicago Worlds Fair, and the building business was at a stand still. In 1895 he bought a half interest in a Dry Goods store, carrying on his profession at the same time.. On April 14th. 1904, he sold the store to A.F.Martin and opened an office at 721 Main Street LaPorte Ind. to devote all his time to the practice of architecture.

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On November 13th. 1906, his son came in the office as a partner, and he stayed in the firm until 1915, when he entered the Rumley Co. taking charge of building construction.

He stayed in this office until March 31st 1925, when he moved to the LaPorte Savings Bank Building.

On March 10th. 1921, he became a member of the American Institute of Architects, and was assigned to the Illinois Chapter of A.I.A.

The next year or so, the Indiana Chapter was organized, and he was transferred to Indiana.

He served this organization as Vice President for two years, and President for another two years. When the Indiana Society of Architects was formed, he became a charter member.

He served that organization as Vice, and President, and a was member of board of directors for many years. He has been a member of the South Bend Architectural Club, and the Indiana Engineering Society. His practice has been mostly in Indiana and Michigan. His home city has many buildings from his drafting board.



WILLIAM MARION ALLEN

William M. Allen, son of George and Ida M. Love Allen was born at Three Oaks Michigan.

He finished High School at LaPorte Indiana.

On his 21st. birthday, he became a partner with his father in the architectual business, of George W. Allen & Son. He continued with his father until 1915, when he went into the Advance Rumley Co. He designed and superintented the building of several factory buildings during the world war.

In 1919 he began the Landscape Business in LaPorte. Now known as "The Allen's Nursery and Landscape Gardeners".

He has two sons who have come into this work after finishing high school.

He has been very successful in this new work. Using his training as an architect to create pleasing landscape layouts.

He married Miss. Mayme M. Moyer of Ridgeville Indiana. They have three children,

1. Marion Elizabeth Allen, born Feb. 15th, 1911.
2. George Lewis Allen, born Feb. 18th. 1915.
3. William Martin Allen born June 26th. 1916.

MARION ELIZABETH ALLEN

Marion E. Allen graduated from the LaPorte High School. She married Lee Fredrickson, and had one child, Barbara Lee Fredrickson.

She married again to Donald Carpenter of Veedersburg.. They have one child, Daniel Allen Carpenter. They live on a farm near Veedersburg. Indiana He is County Engineer.

GEORGE LEWIS ALLEN

George L. Allen, son of William and Mayme Moyer Allen graduated from the LaPorte High School and entered the Landscape business with his father. While in high school he majored in drafting and stood high in his work in the drafting department of the school.

His architectural drawings were awarded first prize at the annual round up of high school work of Indiana High Schools for the year.

This contest takes place each year at Purdue University.

On October 5th. 1936, he was married to Miss. Mary Jane Dorsey of LaPorte Indiana.

WILLIAM MARTIN ALLEN

William M. Allen, son of William and Mayme Moyer Allen, graduated from the LaPorte High School. He majored in bookkeeping, and business courses. He is associated with his father in the Landscape business.

These two young men, to show their appreciation for the high school, that had done so much for them, designed and made a fine planting at the High School grounds, which was dedicated to the youth of the city.

This planting consisted of beautiful blue spruce trees and other evergreens, planted around a large granit boulder, weighing about three tons. This boulder came from their grandmothers farm near Three Oaks Michigan. On the boulder is a bronze tablet with this inscription:

To Youth of Today
The Leaders of Tomorrow
1935

An address given at the dedication of the boulder and evergreens in the school yard.

By E.B. Wetherow Superintendent of Schools.

As a representative of the School City of LaPorte, Indiana, I have the honor and the privilege to accept this extraordinary gift to the youth of this city. Several years ago while I was in Washington D.C. , I attended a memorial service at Mount Vernon where the superintendents of the nation witnessed the placing of a wreath of flowers in the tomb of George Washington, by the President of the United States, Herbert Hoover. While we were waiting for the ceremony we stood at the foot of the hill silently, except for the sound of the wind as it blew through some large cedars that had been planted by George Washington himself.

How appropriate were these cedar trees, living things, standing as if they were sentinels, near the first President of the United States who is in his eternal sleep.

Today these evergreens have been given to the youth of this city and have been planted here to grow and to live for many generations; and this large granite boulder as a marker will keep the record of this event as long as these trees survive.

A hundred years from today the high school pupils of LaPorte may assemble here not to dedicate but to commemorate this fine gift of trees that will have grown to be mature in a century of time.

In the meantime our generation, and another, will have enjoyed them.

Always they will be a constant reminder and an example to the youth of this city of growth, and strength, and beauty, all so necessary to the mature personalities of young men and young women of any and every generation.

But in a century these generations will have passed on, to be followed by other generations to be born.

And this granite boulder shall ever bear the dedicatory inscription,

“ The Youth of Today
The Leaders of Tomorrow
La Porte Kiwanis Club.”

1935

In the next centennial celebration of this city this boulder and these trees should be an appropriate setting for a fine program for the youth of this city. May we wish and believe that a program of this kind will be arranged.

But in the meantime we will have passed into the great beyond from which no traveler ever returns. Many changes in this city and in our schools will have been made.

Possibly both of these high school buildings will have been removed to provide greater buildings for better opportunities for later generations.

Other changes are only something for conjecture.

Most earnestly we thank the Kiwanis Club for making this program possible, and most sincerely we thank the donors for this beautiful gift, possibly the most beautiful spot on our school property.

As superintendent of the schools of this city, I bestow this unit of beauty to the youth of this

city. I assure you that the Board of Education and all others who are in any way a part of our public school system appreciate this beautiful gift.

May I suggest, as I believe, that the high school students of this and later generations will protect these evergreens and this boulder with the satisfaction that comes from service and happiness which is the reward for successful achievement.

Both the evergreens in their beauty and the granite boulder in its strength will remind the thousands of high school pupils who will have opportunities to attend school that two brothers, George and Bill Allen, who are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Allen, have this day given to the school city of La Porte, Indiana, this unit of beauty as a token of love for their grandfather, George W. Allen, who is a good and useful citizen of this city.

For the Board of Education, and for the youth of the city, I have accepted this gift in full knowledge that it will be greatly appreciated by our high school students, and in the belief that these two young men, together with their parents, grandparents and other relatives in the Allen family, will enjoy the satisfaction of giving, for we know that with this gift we have the good will of those who are giving.

CLARA ELIZABETH ALLEN

Clara E. Allen, daughter of George W. and Ida M. Love Allen was born at Three Oaks Michigan.

She graduated from the La Porte High school. She majored in art, under Prof. Simons who taught the art classes in high school here for nearly forty years. She has diplomas from the Federal Commercial Art School of Minneapolis the National School of Interior Decorating of New York City, and the Menhenitt Show Card School of Toronto, Canada. She does Commercial and pictorial art work. Her studio is in her fathers architect office. She assists him with tracing and the general work in an architects office. She lives at home with her parents.

LEO ALLEN

Leo Allen. son of Charles and Sarah C. Allen was born April 14th. 1866 at the old homestead (the Jennings home) Moved with his parents to Dover N.J. in 1871, attended the little white school house at the foot of Morris hill, next to the railroad track. Later he went with his brother George to the school at the corner of Mc Farlan and Sussex streets. As a young boy he went into the Dover Lumber Co's Mill, where he became an outstanding mill man.

In 1900 he had a very serious accident in the mill, when a stick of wood flew from a circular saw and struck him just over the ear and crushed in his skull. He recovered from this hurt. On the 30 th. of August, 1891 he married

Miss. Mary Morgan of Rockaway N.J. They were married by Rev. Thompson at Oak Ridge N.J.

Two children were born to this union.

1. Minnie L. Allen. born June 24nd. 1894, at Dover New Jersey.
2. Howard L. Allen, born June 25 th. 1904 died July 15 th. 1904.

Minnie L Allen married Alfred L. Swackhamer October 20 th. 1915, and live at No. 5 Guy Street Dover N.J.

Mary Morgan Allen, wife of Leo Allen, died about 1931 or 1932, the exact date not known to the writer. She lies at rest in Locust Hill Cemetery, Dover New Jersey.

FRANK ALLEN

Frank Allen, son of Charles and Sarah C. Allen, was born at the Washborn house which stands at the junction of road to Petersburg or to Milton. As a boy he too entered the employment of the Dover Lumber Co. and mastered the mill work. He served this company for more than 32 years, in every capacity about the mill and lumber yard. He married Miss Cora Gribble, March 3 rd, 1896, at Dover N.J.

They have two children,

1. Clara F. Allen, born Nov. 13 th. 1897, at Dover.
2. John Charles Allen, born July 2 nd. 1899 at Dover.

Clara has been head bookkeeper for the Ford Agency for 11 years. She lives with her father at 31 King Street Dover.

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John C. Allen is with the New Jersey Power and Light Co. at Dover. He has served the Company in their office at Easton and Allentown Pa. Having charge of the sales department.

He married Miss. Mildred Holcomb of Lambertsville N.J. They went house keeping there.

They have two children,

1. Barbara Rose Allen, born Oct. 8 th. 1929.
2. John Charles Allen Jr.

Cora Gribble Allen, died March 16 th. 1936. and is burried in Locust Hill, Dover.

Frank has always lived in Dover.

MINNIE M. ALLEN

Minnie M. Allen, born Dec. 30 th. 1872, at Dover, N.J. On Jan, 7 th. 1891, She married William T. Leighton, at Morristown N.J.

They went house keeping at Tabor N.J. and have lived there all their married life.

Four children were born to this union.

1. Cora May Leighton, born Oct. 11 th. died the same day.
2. Fredrick Tabor Leighton, born Aug. 27. 1894.
3. Eva Grace Leighton, born Nov. 2 th. 1896.
4. Gladys Leighton, born Aug. 7 th. 1905.

All these children were born at Tabor.

Fredrick T. Leighton married Miss. Ruth
They have no children.

Eva Grace married Frank Simon of Sussex, N.J. They have one child, a son, Francis.

Gladys Leighton married Joseph Snell, and have one child, William George Snell, born Oct. 8th. 1932. They live at Tabor.

William T. Leighton taught school for many years in the little one room school house in Tabor.

He has been the secretary of Hanover Township for more than thirty years. He does not teach school now. He lives at Tabor N.J.

FRED FOSTER ALLEN

Fred F. Allen, son of Charles and Sarah C. Allen, born Oct. 21 st. 1877, at Dover, N.J.

As a young man he entered the D.L & W. Rail Road shops and mastered the painters trade.

He worked in this shop for several years, he then entered into partnership with a fellow workman and did house painting until his death.

He married Miss. Hettie Van Kirk Jan. 31 st. 1900. at Dover N.J. Four children came of this union.

1. Francis P. Allen, born June 13 th. 1901 at Dover. She died Nov. 26 th. 1909.
2. Harry F. Allen, born March 25 th. 1903.
3. Robert O. Allen, born Aug. 31 st. 1904.
4. Nancy A. Allen, born March 30 th. 1908.

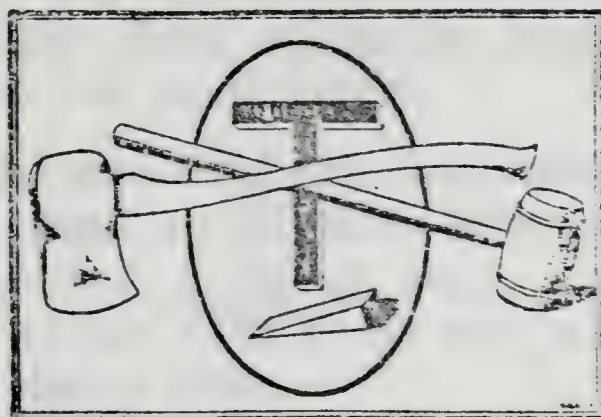
Fred died Oct. 1 st. 1918, burried at Locust Hill Cemetery, Dover. After dis death, his wife kept the family together and raised them to manhood and womenhood. They all live at home with their mother at 23 King St. Dover.

Mary Jane Allen, daughter of Charles and Sarah C. Allen, born June 13 th. 1875, died Nov. 22.1881.

Harvey D. Allen, son of Charles and Sarah C. Allen, born Mar. 7 th, 1880, died May 11 th. 1881.

Laura L. Leighton daugther of Joseph P. and Sarah C. Allen Leighton, born Mar. 5 th. 1886.

THE WASHBURN HOME



he house known to-day as the Washborn home, was the home of William Allen. It is said, he bought it from his father-in-law Mr. McCormack, in the early days of his married life with Jane McCormack, his second wife. He and his family lived there for many years. He lived for sometime at Oak Ridge, at the foot of the hill. Later he moved back to the Washburn place, where Uncle Maurice and grandmother Jane McCormack died. She lay in bed in the living room of this home for nearly ten years, being paralyzed. The writer cannot remember her, except as she lay in a four poster Colonial corded bed. She was always cheerful, and happy with her family. She loved her grandsons and was glad to have them come to visit her.

In the front yard near the garden stood a large black walnut tree. It has been said that either Abigail or Harriett planted the nut that later became this tree.

The yard sloped gently to the east and south, with a white picket fence along the road.

Near the gate and to the north was a small yard, some 20 x 20 feet with the same picket fence around it. This was an Asparagus bed.

I cannot remember of the family ever using the Asparagus for anything, except for bouquets or other decorations about the house.

The well house and laundry was across the

road from the house. It was a two story building. Up stairs, Maurice Allen had a harness and cigar shop, where he made and repaired harness and made cigars.

In the corner of the field, north of the wash house, stood an old Lime Kiln, just when and who used it I cannot say. Along the road north of the wash house was a row of native black cherry trees.

In front of the homestead the road parted, one road going to Milton, the other to Petersburg.

The Petersburg road in winter was many times filled with snow and was hard to get by.

It was a common saying back there when I was a boy, when anything went down your wind pipe, and strangled you to say, "My! that went down Petersburg road". Back of the barn, west, was a beautiful running brook, which passed south and crossed the road near Dan Chamberlains. The memory of this fine old home and the people who lived in it, in the long ago, has been a bright spot in my latter days. Its my hope, to some day walk over the old fields and roads again, just to see if I might find some ghost of other days.

THE NELSON HULBERT HOME

At Mount Freedom N. J. stands a fine old Colonial home in a wonderful grove of large trees.

In this house, is the Post Office of the village. Some member of this family has been Postmaster there for 40 years or more.

ACCOUNT BOOK

Leo Allen of Dover N.J. has the old account book of his grandfather, William Allen.

This old book has interesting items of cost both in labor and materials. Think of having a new pair of calf skin boots made for \$ 1.00.

Newfoundland N.J. April 14th. 1827.

Enos Deuinport Dr. To pair course calf skin shoes for self, \$1.60

Stephen Freeman Dr. Apr. 17 th. 1827. To soling and capping pair of grain shoes for your wife 1.40

Aaron Starr Dr April 1827.

To one pr. course Lace Boots for self \$1.80

John Steppens Dr. Dec. 1828.

To 1 pr. of Wax Calf Lace Boots for your son Thomas, \$1.00.

To Five & half pounds of Flax, .20

David Lion Dr. Aug. 19th. 1834.

To one day work walling well 40

Cornelious Davenport

To one day work with team drawing stone, \$2.00

March 23 1842,

To paying Joseph Jackson & Son Rockaway N.J.

For Toe steel 56 lbs at 6c per lbs. \$ 3.36

July 7 th 1840,

To two quarters Veal wt. 18 & 19 half at 4pr. 1.50

Nov. 1 st 1842.

12 lbs. of choice beef 63c

May 1842 One day work 75c

By cutting eighty four fence post at per 100 66c

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By cutting 36 loads of wood at 10 pr. load \$3.60
One bushel of black walnuts 25c

William Allen Dr. January 1844.

To Sally Norman,
By cutting a coat for Ira, 50 c
By cutting Pantaloons 25 c
By cutting Vest, 15 c
To one pound of goose feathers 50 c

Paid Thomas Jennings for one day work and
board Thatching roof, 75 c

Phineas Dr. To William Allen, May 14th. 1851.

To horse and wagon, going to Morristown, \$1.00.
For oats for the horse, 25 c
For County Records, wrote a discription of
Ephama Smith deed, \$1.50
My own time to go to town, \$1.00

John More Dr. 1862

To one year house rent \$25.00 per. year, \$25.00
To John More Cr. Digging two graves, \$2.00

Phines Coal Sep. 1882.

To carting load of Timber to Dover \$2.00

William Sept. 12 th. 1872.

One day work on road under Dan Chamberlain
\$2.00

William Allen Dr. May 1952.

To Mahlon Jennings,
By putting steel in crow bar, I found steel, 25c
To one Broad Ax, \$1.25
By Jumping and grinding small Ax 38c
213 feet Weather Boards, \$2.66
To Ironing hand sled, 85c
By two bushel of Pears 50 c

THE McCORMACK FAMILY

It has been very hard to find much history of Jane McCormack Allen's family, as there are so few of the older members left. Infact its now about the fourth generation back from grandmother Jane M. Allen and this generation has little or no information to give. It is believed, the records of her father's family were in grandfather, William Allen's family bible, but we are not sure who has this book.

Through the efforts of Leo Allen, the following names of the family have been found.

Elizabeth McCormack married Maurice Chamberlain of Milton N.J. Their children are,
Sarah Jane Chamberlain.

Elizabeth Chamberlain.

Markes Chamberlain.

Hattie Chamberlain.

Minnie Chamberlain.

Julie Chamberlain.

William McCormack, wife name not known.

His children are -- Lewis, Harvey, Charles and Morris.

Charles McCormack lived in Paughkeepsie N.Y.

He was a blacksmith and was noted for shoeing trotting horses and noted for making Riding Sulkeys for racing. Married twice. Name of either wife is unknown to us. Had no children.

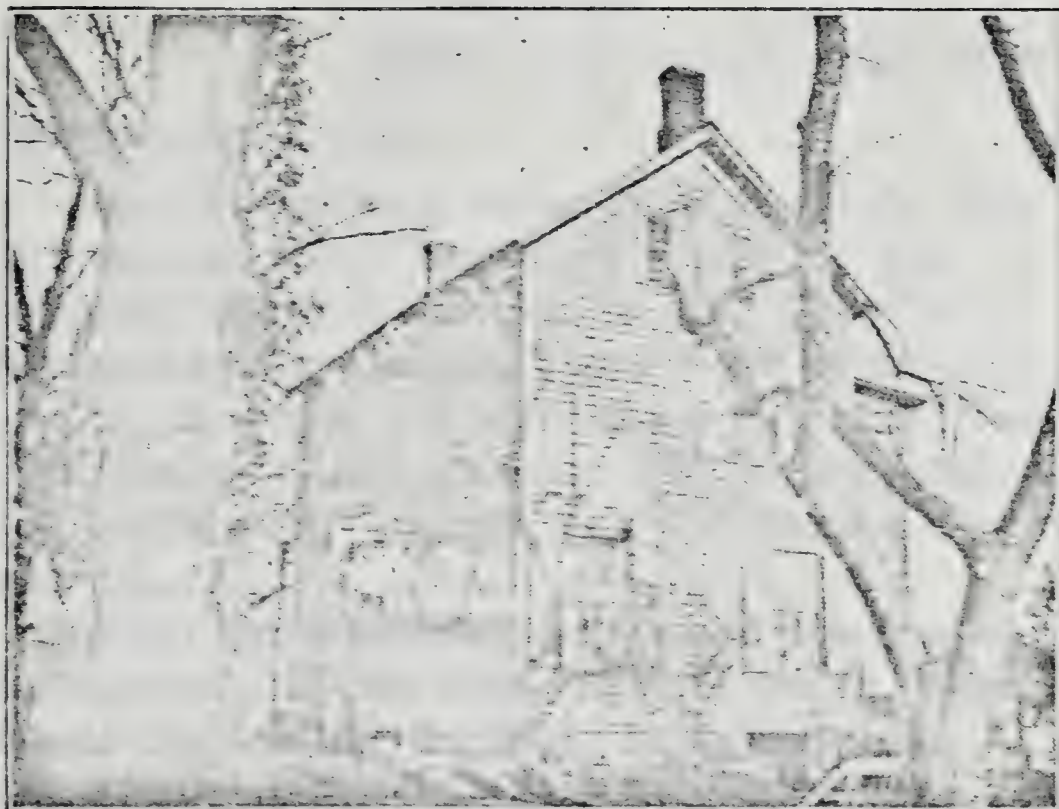
Harriett McCormack married John Turner.

Their children are — Susan, Maurice, Lavina Charles, John and George.

Louis McCormack, wife name unknown to us.

Had one child, Dewitt, now dead.

Daisy and Bertha McCormack, when last heard from lived in either Ocean Grove or Asbury Park.



THE CHARLES ALLEN HOME

This home was built in 1872 on Lincoln Avenue, Dover N.J., by Charles Allen.

It was a small house, with two rooms on the first floor and three bed rooms on the second floor. The kitchen was in the basement.

It was a frame building with a slate roof.

About 1880 he bought the office building of George Richards & Co. when they built the present brick building on the corner of Blackwell and Sussex streets, and moved it back of the old home, and made three bed rooms.

It was in this home, his family grew into manhood and womanhood. This home has never been owned outside the family. It belongs to Leo Allen of Dover N.J.

A LETTER

Dover, N.J. March 28th. 1915

Dear Brother George :-

I received a long letter from you Feb. 28th 1915 telling about two boys about 12 and 14 years old, going to Milton, to visit grandfather and grandmother Allen. These boys were only 10 and 12 years old and they walked all the twelve miles to Milton too. Do you remember that Uncle John Tronson and Will Beach walked with us.

When we arrived at Longwood, we went up the mountain to see some men chopping wood, one of them being an Uncle of Will Beach. Well this was Mary's (my wife) father.

A short way up the road we stopped at Levi Tallman's house for dinner.

Do you remember the red harvest apples we ate that day? I never go past that place without thinking of the fine dinner we had.

Of course hungry boys would think it was good, after walking ten miles.

After dinner we traveled on to grandfather Allen's. We visited for a few days, then we took the back track for home at Dover.

Do you remember the cigars we borrowed from Uncle Maurice's bench when he was not looking, and how we tried them out on the way home, how we went up the mountain side, back of a rock, near Longwood? Can you picture in your mind how sick we boys were? I can.

Again, do you remember four boys in the corner of a stone fence, cooking eggs, when Dan Chamberlain looked over the fence and said in

a loud voice, "What in the world are you boys doing here?" Kit Chamberlain jumped and said "Come on over Dad and have some eggs with us" A flat stone was fixed for him to sit on, he was made comfortable, eggs were passed and Uncle Dan was a boy with us. When the eggs were finished, he said, "Now boys, don't tell your mother".

How well I remember the old swimming hole near this place, where we boys went many times in summer. You remember, the small pond was shallow with a muddy bottom. One had to be almost scraped to get the mud off our back. Before dressing we swam in the big pond which was clean.

Do you recall the day we went to Moosepack Pond after Wild Grapes? Sitting down by the side of the road and eating about a bushel of them? Uncle Billie Norman telling grandfather Allen about it, said he found such a large pile of grape skins in the road, he had to drive his team to one side, so as not upset his wagon.

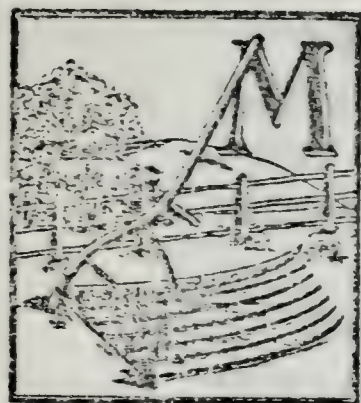
(These old men had a sense of humor.)

Another time, at Moose Pack Pond we caught a nice big string of fish. On the way home, one of us boys said, I shall not carry these fish another step, the other one said, if you don't want to carry them, just fling them into the top of that tree over there and, no sooner said than done, and no chance to get them. This was the doings of two boys from Dover.

Many years have passed since those days, but they are still young in our memory.

Your Brother,

Leo Allen, 16 Searing Street,
Dover, N.J.



y early recollection of my grandfather William Allen, dates back to the time, when father and mother moved from Milton to the Washborn home.

Grandfather came with a two horse wagon, to take the furniture to our new home.

When the wagon was loaded and ready to start, Grandfather took me with him on the load. He had the kitchen table turned upside down, up in front next to the horses.

He and I sat inside the table leaves, he driving and I hanging on the table leg, both happy.

At that time, grandfather and grandmother lived at Oak Ridge. Probably I was about four years old. After father and mother moved to Dover, grandfather moved back to the Washborn farm. It was at this place we boys spent many happy days and learned to know and to love he and grandmother.

I cannot remember grandmother except as she lay in bed, she being paralysed.

For more than nine years, she could not move without help. Grandfather was always very kind to her. He would lift her into a rocking chair and move her about the room so she might see out of doors.

He had a keen sense of humor, yet he was very pious. He loved us boys and would have his fun with us. Boys, as a rule don't care much about washing their hands and face before coming to the table, so he would ask, "boys have you shaved" He saw to it that we did.

(meaning, have you washed?)

I remember a talk he gave Leo and I about telling the truth. To tell him a lie was the worse thing in all the world. Not to believe a person's word was the last straw with him.

"Be truthful was his motto"

One morning he said, you boys go to the corn crib and shell two bushel of corn. So Leo and I got the corn sheller ready, but before we got started, we discovered some red ears of corn in the crib, and thinking this would make dandy corn meal, we began shelling red corn, but found it was hard to find enough red ears to fill the two bags, so we spent about two hours digging down in the crib for red ears. Well we finally made it, and we were sure proud of our job, but not so proud when grandfather saw this red corn. He gave one look of disgust. Now you boys get busy and shell other corn so we can go to the mill. You know, I have always thought he saw a funny side to red corn.

We did not know that red corn would make red corn meal, and red meal, red corn bread.

When we arrived at the Petersburg Mill and saw corn meal coming out of a hopper like pure gold, we saw our mistake.

It was a great treat to go to the mill with grandfather. He was Uncle Billie Allen to everyone around Milton, and was looked upon as the best farmer in the neighborhood.

In winter time he would hitch up the horses and drive to the mountain lot of his, south of Milton, to cut fire wood. We looked for a trip to the mountain, as one of our great pleasures.

He fell the trees and we helped load the sled for

for home. Grandfather was short in stature. and had a clump foot, yet it never seemed to impede his progress. He was a fast walker and was very quick of speech.

He had beautiful long silky white hair as I remember him, and was a fine looking old man. He was a thrifty man, made boots and shoes in his younger years, and was a farmer too. He at one time was very well off in this worlds goods, but late in life he sold his property to a N.Y. Banker, and took his note instead of the money.

The note was never paid. The banker failed and grandfather lost all he had saved.

Leaving grandfather a poor man at the end of a prosperous life.

He died at his sons home in Dover N.J. September 27 th. 1891, and was burried at the Headley Grave Yard.

He lived with his son, William H. Allen a few years before his death. He was a life long member of the Oak Ridge Presbyterian church. He was known for his integrity and progressiveness.



Dover, N.J. May 19 th. 1937

Dear Uncle George:-

I am enclosing a sketch of my father as I know him.

Frank Allen was born on a farm at Milton N.J. and moved to Dover, N.J. with his parents while still a small boy. Much of his life however was spent on a farm around Milton where many of his people were farmers.

He is a very fine millwright and woodworker and for many years worked with the Dover Lumber Co. where he operated their Lumber Mill.

Practically all of the woodwork in homes in this vicinity was milled by him at their mill.

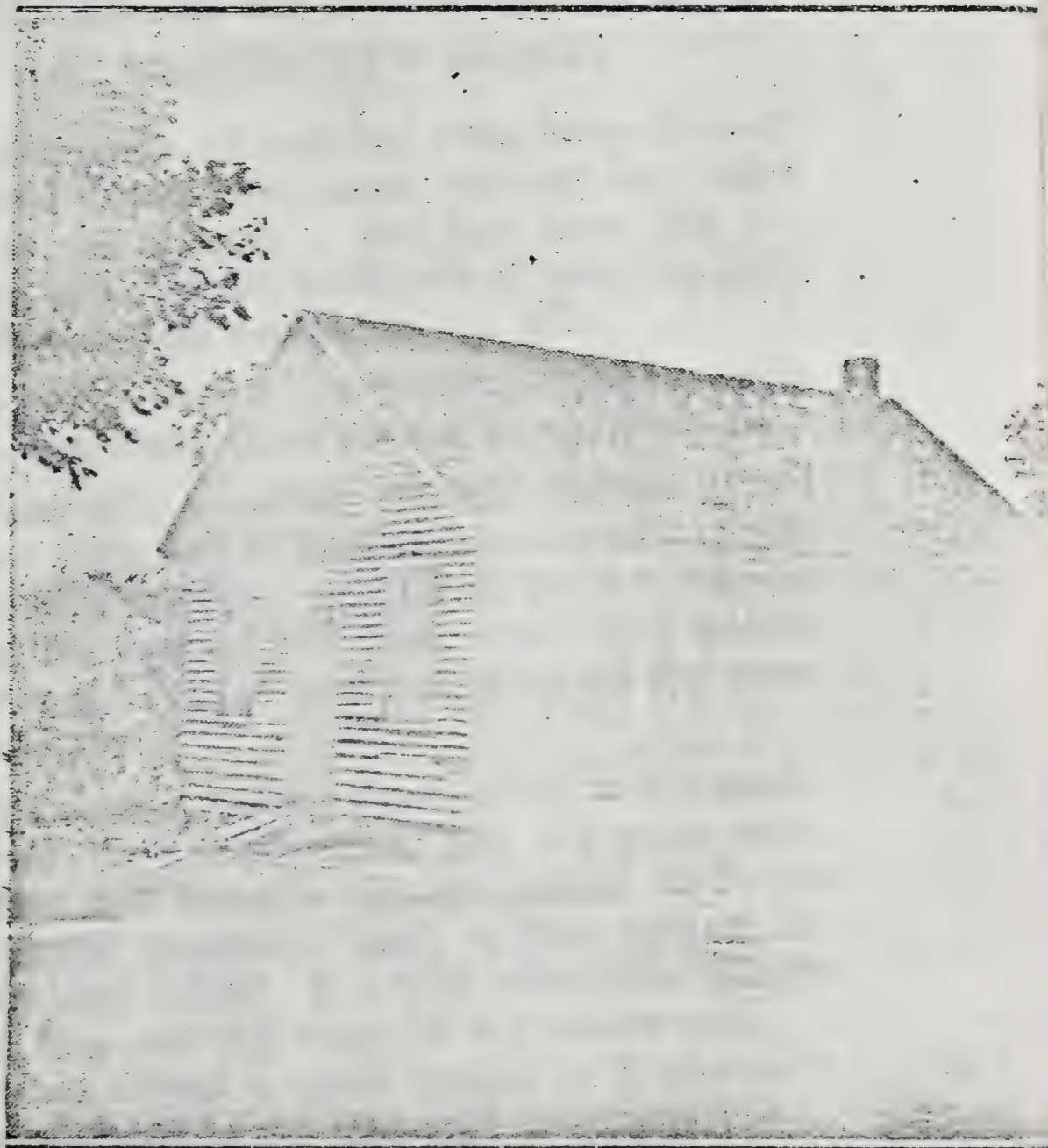
His hobby now is in working at his bench in the basement at home, making something from wood that he thinks someone needs or would be pleased to have. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Dover and much interested in its history and its activities. He enjoys reading and is interested especially in historical scientific articles.

Thru his keen memory he can entertain for a full evening recalling facts, stored away from his reading. Do to the many years in this section of New Jersey, he has accumulated many historical facts of Morris County, the personal kind that is not written in books, all of which is interesting to hear when he starts reminiscing.

When he was twenty-seven years old, he married Cora Gribble. A wonderful wife, and a loving mother for their girl and boy.

He had very little interest outside of public activities, spending most of his time with his family. He was above everything, a devoted husband and a fine father.

Your Nephew Charley.



THE MILTON SCHOOL

REMINISCENCES OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL AT MILTON, NEW JERSEY

The temples of learning have been of many kinds and dimensions, from the old log cabin school to the college. But few have the adventures and pleasant traditions as have the little old district school nestled in the hills.

Its environments, its friendly intimacy with nature has made them sacred to many of us.

Those who attended the old Milton school can look back and understand the attitude nature has for this building nestled as it was in the hills at the fork of the road, with that solemn romantic and rugged mountain view we had from its doorway.

The sloping fields extending off to the south, the river for a foreground, the old cider mill, the flour mill and the village, backed up by the old rugged mountain made a fine setting for this old time school. It is with unbounded delight that I now see this view in my minds eye.

It has almost a spirit quality in it and adds a new element to my memorys landscape.

Little did I appreciate those grand old hills and the picturesque old crooked road until I had spent some fifty odd years in a level country with its straight checker board roads.

These old hills and roads have a poetical side now, that did not occur to me then.

But as we become more intimate with the solemn grandeur of nature we can see the romantic glory of those old hills.

As we grow older we become more tender and more sympathetic toward those old haunts of our younger days. The memory of and the early associations with both the place and the people who made up the old school, is one of the bright places in my mind.

The old public school at Milton was a little frame building, standing at the fork of the road northeast of Meisles store, about a quarter of a mile. In an early day this building stood with the gables east and west and had the door on the side near the west end, which opened into a long narrow hall. The building was some time soon after 1870 turned around with the gables north and south, with the door in the south end. The hall was taken out and the building repaired but still the same building.

The remodeling was done by Mr. Jacob Coil who lived near by.

In the winter of 1868-1870, my father, Charles Allen taught school in this room and I went to him a part of the 1869-1870 winter term.

Soon after this term we moved to Dover.

All the children of my grandfather, William Allen attended school here. It was in after years that my attendance became a more reality.

As boys, Leo and I spent many days visiting our grandfather and while there attended this school. The teacher for many years was that grand old man, Joseph P Leighton Sr. who had a record for more years of service as a teacher than any other person in New Jersey, some 63 or 64 consecutive years.

He was a fine teacher, and many of the most successful men of this state and nation, owe

their start in education to this grand old man.

As I look around the school room I see the old box stove in the center of the room, with two long low benches on either side of the stove.

They were called "the little benches"

At the north of the stove sat the teacher in a strong arm chair, back of him was his table.

Between the two rear windows was a black-board about six feet long, the only use made of this board as I remember was when Eddie Headley did his Geometry problems on it.

Now let us see who is here. In looking around I see the Headleys, the Coils, the Whittles, the Allison, the Chamberlains, the Jennings, the Meisles the Davenports, the McCormacks, the Leightons, the Winterbottoms, and the Allens and perhaps a few more that have not come to my mind just now. In my minds eye I see these people working away over their studies, using any text book they might have on hand, so it was everyone for him or herself, with perhaps the exception of the spelling classes which always came at the close of the day. These spelling classes stood up along the west wall and spelt down as it was called. I remember Andrew Chamberlain and I composed the 4th. class in spelling and we afforded the school fun, for he and I were at the head of the class several times during the spelling contest.

The games played at the old school, were ball, duck-on-the-rock and marbles. The ball was played with a soft yarn ball, the bat was a flat board and the bases were the large stones that stuck out of the ground.

One of the rules of the game was to hit the player with the ball when running the bases and sometimes the player received a watersoaked, mud covered ball on the side of the head or in the ribs.

The girls had for their play, several play-houses, made of flat stones piled up some three or four feet high and laid out in several rooms.

They had for a means of money flat stones made round, in sizes of pennies, quarters, halves and dollars. They had a secret place for keeping this money, usually in a small hole in the ground and covered with a flat stone, which was part of the wall.

Duck-on-the-rock was played by both girls and boys and sometimes sore shins were had by coming in contact with the stone as they bounded off the duck rock.

Many other games came along with the seasons which only lasted a short time.

I remember one winters day after a deep soft snow, and to get away from larger boys and young men who were snow balling, several small lads got over the fence into Ed Chamberlains field in front of the school.

As you will remember this field was very steep toward the south, so we little fellows started rolling snow balls down hill.

At the bottom we built a large fort some six feet high with a small hole at the rear to crawl in. Just about the time our fort was finished, these larger boys discovered the fort and besieged it, 25 or 30 strong. It was great fun for a time until we ran out of snow balls.

of which we had made many and stored inside the fort. As we were about out of ammunition, I was detailed to go outside for a new supply.

In the act of crawling out the rear port hole the enemy, who had started a flank movement on us down the fence, drove a water soaked snow ball into my right ear, which laid me up for repairs and closed up the battle at once.

Water used at the school was carried from the Meisel store at the village. Two scholars were alway detailed to bring the water. A pail and one tin cup did for all. This would hardly pass our state laws now.

Slate and pencils were used in those days and for eracing we used a little spit and the palm of the hand, which did the work well we thought, but not as sanitary as we see it these days, yet many of us have lived to grow into big husky fellows.

I recall hearing my father tell of a teacher he had there when he was a boy, who was very strict, and the boys planned to break up his discipline, so one morning they met at the school and built up a good fire in the stove, then larded well the shutters and the door, so when the teacher came he could not get in. A bright idea came to the teacher, so he went to the next neighbor east and got a ladder, returned and placed a large flat stone over the chimney to smoke them out. While he was busy on the roof, one of the boys slipped out and took down the ladder leaving him astride the comb of the roof. At this the boys came out and began playing ball near the school, paying no attention to him on the roof. After trying to be game

for an hour or so, he called down to them saying, if they would put up the ladder he would go home and no school would be had for the day.

At a later date they had a college fellow who had a rule, if anyone failed to get any lesson, he or she must stay after school and get this lesson. It seems Alfred Chamberlain was the first fellow to be kept after school, he being as large as the teacher, decided to stay all night with him. After half an hour or so the teacher told him he might go now, but he sat still, by this time it was dark and the fellow did not know what to do, he could not go and leave the building unlocked, but at this time the session came to a close when Uncle Dan Chamberlain opened the door and said in a loud voice "Alfred you get home at once and milk the cows"

Much more might be said about this school but it would be the history of other similar schools.

I understand many of the boys and girls who spent their early days in this old school have gone out in the world and made good and have added something to the worlds advancement.

The simplicity of this old school, from which so many little incidents came into our lives, have made this spot sacred to many of us.

When we think back to the days spent at this school and playground it seems like a natural stage where these young people were putting on a real play without stage or scenery other than the surrounding hills. Each boy

and girl a true actor, not trained, but acting in that naturalness of young life, full of health and vigor. Each one catching the spirit and acting the innermost meaning of the comedy they were playing so innocently.

You surely must all feel and admit the delightfulness of the view which extends away across the little valley toward the mountain which carries with it, the memory of our fathers who viewed this same scene long before us.

The home and firesides, nestled along these mountain roads have all sort of traditions and memories of the striking personality of those people who lived in the long ago, who's noble influence were responsible for the good that came from this little village near by.

My mind goes back to the good people about Milton who were the salt of the earth, who's noble lives had much to do with the making of a clean wholesome place to live, maintaining church and school, being in ever way law abiding citizens.


Knowing these things we cannot help but be proud of our lineage and that we first saw light in this little valley.

Now we are taking decidedly forward steps in our system of schools and are providing every advantage for our young people, and I am very glad to be able to do my little part toward working out some of these problems for better school buildings. Doing away with the box stove, the unsanitary water pail and tin cup and yet the memory of these old conditions about this old

building is one of the bright spots in my memory, not for its unsanitary condition, but for its old associations.

Nature did so much for this little corner.

Its rugged hill-side, its brooks and the mountain as a background, made that little valley a thing of beauty as it extends off to the south, and on a bright day made a picture that would inspire an artist. May these hills and these romantic roads be the abiding impulse of every human spirit toward perfection in study and purpose and may this spirit set out to work and conquer.

he second child of Samuel and Abigail Kitchen Allen was a daughter.

EUNICE ALLEN

2 – Eunice Allen their first daughter was born April 10 th. 1802 and died December 17 th. 1892. at the age of 89 years.

She married David G. Larison April 8 th.

He was born October 16 th. 1800, and died April 1833. Four children were born to them.

1--Mariah K. Larison born April 2 nd. 1826. Died July 5 th. 1893.

2--Samuel D. Larison born March 19 th. 1828, Died January 10 th. 1833.

3--Abraham Larison born April 4 th. 1830. Died December 24 th. 1832.

4--Charity Jane Larison, born June 15 th. 1832, Died January 1 st. 1833.

Eunice married again after David's death to Alpheus Pierson, who was born January 6 th. 1806 Died July 10 th. 1891. She had six children by her second husband.

1--Mary E. Pierson, born April 3 rd. 1837, Died October 12 th. 1878.

2--David Pierson, born June 16 th. 1839, died March 4 th. 1891.

3--Alpheus E. Pierson, born May 10 th. 1841.

4--George W. Pierson, born June 14 th. 1843.

5--Eliza E. Pierson, born July 11 th. 1845, died. May---- 1882.

9--Pheby Jane Pierson born August 25 th. 1847 died March 4 th. 1863.

MARIAH K. LARISON

1--Mariah K. Larison married James Blackford January 22nd. 1848. He was born March 8th. 1825, died June 11th. 1899. Four children were born to them,

1--Elizabeth Adelaide Blackford, born November 9th. 1848.

2--Charlotte Augusta Blackford, born March 12th. 1851, died August 10th. 1851.

3--Emma Francetta Blackford, born April 20th. 1855, died April 3rd. 1860.

4--Alletta Mariah Blackford, born April 1st. 1860.

MARY E. PIERSON

1st--Mary E. Pierson, first child of Eunice and Alpheus Pierson, married Stephen F. Woodhull Febuary 17th. 1855. He was born March 22nd. 1830, died October 19th. 1875.

Five children were born to them.

1--Floyd T. Woodhull, born September 15th. 1856.

2--Mary A. Woodhull, born December 28th. 1860.

3--Hanna Woodhull, born June 16th. 1863, died September 20th. 1878.

4--Eugene Woodhull, born September 5th 1866.

5--Jessie Woodhull, born March 20th. 1871.

ALPHEUS E. PIERSON

3--Alpheus E. Pierson. married Sarah C. Pierson December 20th. 1860. She was born July 18th. 1841. Died December 15th. 1901.

Eight children were born to them.

1--Phebe Jane Pierson, born January 17th. 1863.

2--James William Pierson, born March 12th. 1864. Died January 21st. 1912.

3--Edwin E. Pierson. born December 25th. 1866.

4--Joseph Pierson, born March 6th. 1869.

5--Rena Pierson, born January 26th. 1884.

6--Bertram M. Pierson born April 5th. 1875.

7--Grace Pierson born Janurry 17th. 1880.

8--Eva Pierson born September 27th. 1883.

Alpheus E. Pierson married a second time to Mrs. Minnie Brown on December 3rd. 1906. She was born February 5th. 1967.

GEORGE W. PIERSON

5--George W. Pierson, married Helen Benjamine (date not known to us) She was born October 23rd. 1845. They had five children.

1--Fred W. Pierson, born December 20th. 1866.

2--U. Grant Pierson, born August 26th. 1868.

3--Oscar Pierson born October 18th. 1880.
Died in infancy.

4--Albert Pierson. born May 9th. 1873.

5--W. Montague Pierson, born March 26th 1883.

ELIZA E. S. PIERSON

2--Eliza E.S.Pierson, married Theodore Smith,
(no date of birth, death or marriage known to us)
They had one child.

1--Clifford.S. Smith, born December 31st 1872.

ELIZABETH ADALAIN BLACKFORD

--Elizabeth A. Blackford, married Elwyn Bentley April 24th. 1872. He was born ----1848, and died March 11th. 1914.

ALLETTA MARIAN BLACKFORD

4--Alletta M. Blackford, married Isaac Blackford April 28th. 1886. They have one child.

1--Harold James Blackford born July 3rd 1890.

FLOYD T. WOODHULL

1--Floyd T. Woodhull, married Kate Bartles January 18th. 1887. She was born September 17th. 1860. They had two children.

1--Leroy B. Woodhull born July 4th. 1880.

2--Edson Allen Woodhull, born May 28th. 1894.

MARY ALPHARETTA WOODHULL

2--Mary A. Woodhull, married Edison Coleman Martin. (date not know to us) He was born Jan. 26th. 1859. They had three children.

1--Floyd Woodhull Martin, born March 31st. 1884, died September 13th. 1887.

2--Irvin Randolph Martin born April 21st. 1885.

3--Fred Lester Martin born November 19th. 1888.

JESSIE WOODHULL

Jessie Woodhull, married Willis C. Drake October 22nd. 1895. He was born November 21st. 1870. They have two children.

1--Willis C. Drake, Jr. born April 15th. 1896. Died the same day.

2--Paul W. Drake, born July 31st. 1897.

PHEBE JANE PIERSON

1--Phebe J. Pierson, married William L. Little November 27th. 1889. He was born August 19th. 1863. Seven children were born to them.

1--Leslie Emerson Pierson, Little born May 24th. 1891. Died May 24th. 1904.

2--Pierson, Edward Little born July 10th. 1892.

3--Frank William Little, born November 3rd. 1894. Died August 29th. 1905.

4--Sarah Jane Little, born September 13th 1896.

5--George James Little, born February 25th. 1899.

6--Ernest Winfield Little, born February 3rd. 1902.

7--Amy Lester Little, born September 2nd. 1903.

JAMES WILLIAM PIERSON

2--James W. Pierson, married May Araminty Searing March 11th. 1895. She was born Jan. 29th. 1862. They had two children.

1--William Searing Pierson, born Jan. 5th. 1897.

2--Dolly Adaline Pierson born Oct. 13th 1898.

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EDWIN E. PIERSON

3--Edwin E. Pierson, married Lynda E. Grovender, December ---1893. She was born April 22nd. 1871. They had one child.

1--Edith Elizabeth Pierson, born September 10th. 1902.

JOSEPH PIERSON

4--Joseph Pierson, married Harriett Little ---- 1891. She was born---1872 They had four children.

1--Helen Beatrice Pierson, born ---- 1892.

2--Mortimer Little Pierson, born----- 1894,died in infancy,

3--Grace Little Pierson, born ----1895.

4--Joseph Gorden Pierson born----1897,

RENA PIERSON

5--Rena Pierson, married Joseph B. Yawger. May 3rd. 1891. He was born July 17th. 1870. They had one child.

2--Alpheus Yawger born April 4th. 1898.

BERTRAN M. PIERSON

9--Bertran M. Pierson, married Francis Osborn Vorheese December 16th. 1911. She was born February 14th. 1886.

GRACE PIERSON

7--Grace Pierson, married Alonzo Vance Pierson June 15th. 1905. He was born June 28th. 1881. They have one child.

1--Donald Vance Pierson born July 24th. 1912.

FRED W. PIERSON

1--Fred W. Pierson, married Ida Vanderhof July 1st. 1891. She was born September 1st. 1870.

U. GRANT PIERSON

2--U. Grant Pierson, married Flora B. Leek November 25th. 1896. She was born March 6th. 1876.

5--W. Montague Pierson, married Grace M. Locey July 14th. 1909. She was born Jan. 3rd. 1883. They have one child.

1--George W. Pierson, born January 27th. 1913.

CLIFFORD SANFORD SMITH

1--Clifford S. Smith married, Edith H. Tonkin Sept. 28th. 1898. She was born May 21st. 1879.

They have three children.

1--Elsie Mae Smith, born July 28th. 1900.

2--Harold C. Smith born December 1st. 1901.
Died April 24th. 1902.

3--Muriel Alaine Smith, born June 28th. 1906.



AMZIE ALLEN



mzie Allen, first son of Samuel and Jane Parsons Allen, born February 10th. 1811. Died January 5th. 1907, at Mt. Freedom N. J. He married Sarah Morrison Nov. 12th. 1835. They had one child.

1--David Sanford Allen, born April 5th. 1836, died December 31st. 1913.

Amzie Allen married, after the death of his first wife, Sarah Morrison, to Elizabeth D. Johnson, June 16th. 1838. She was born July 21st. 1815. Died July 8th. 1884. They had three children.

1--Mary Jane Allen, born January 7th. 1839.

2--George W. Allen, born February 3rd. 1840. Died October 20th. 1881.

3--Erastus D. Allen, born January 9th. 1845.

CAPTAIN DAVID SANFORD ALLEN

1--David S. Allen, married Mary B. Monington May 13th. 1858. She was born October 6th. 1836. They had eight children.

1--Frank M. Allen, born April 6th. 1860, died September 29th. 1860.

2--M. Adelaide Allen, born August 29th. 1861.

3--Elizabeth Allen, born May 3rd. 1863, died July 21st. 1877,

4--H. Estella Allen, born January 28th. 1865.

5--Carrie L. Allen, born March 1st. 1867.

6--Charles A. Allen, born February 8th. 1870.

7--D. Fred Allen, born August 8th. 1873.

8--L. Grace Allen, born July 25th. 1876.

(From a Dover paper Dec. 30th. 1913.

CAPTAIN D.S.ALLEN SUCCUMBS TO DEATH LIFE SPENT IN MORRIS COUNTY

In his early years a Carpenter and Builder by trade. Enlisted 1861 as Captain in Company C, 75th. N.J. Volunteers--- Mustered in as Captain of Company. 39th. N.J. Volunteers.

Captain David Sanford Allen, one of Dover's oldest and best known residents, died at his late home on chestnut street, eaaly Wednesday morning from a lingring illness of complications.

Since November Capt. Allen has been in failing health, but in the past four weeks he has been unable to leave his bed, growing weaker, but with no apparent suffering, until he passed away in sleep, peaceful as was his life.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late home in Orchard Street, Rev. Peter McMillan, pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian church officiating.

Burial will be made in Orchard street Cemetery.

He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Mary B. Allen and six children, namely: Mrs. E.W. Doty, Mrs, Fred O. Hopkins, and D. Fred Allen all of Dover; Mrs. Edward L. Petty, of Elizabeth and Mrs. Frank B. Hagaman and Charles A.Allen, of Newsrk. He is also survived by ten grandchilbren. Mr.Allen was born April 5, 1836 .in Millbrook, his whole life being spent in Morris County. In his early years he worked by trade as a carpenter and builder, and in his later years he followed the plumbing and heating business in Chester, Succasunna and this place.

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He was married to Mary B. Monington at Succasunna, May 3rd. 1858, and resided at that place for some time after their marriage.

Their fiftieth wedding anniversary was celebrated in Dover, May 31st. 1908.

They came to Dover twenty-eight years ago.

In 1861, Mr. Allen enlisted in Company C. 75th. New Jersey Volunteers and served as Captain for nine months. In 1864 he was mustered in as Captain of Company K, 39th. New Jersey Volunteers. He was wounded at Petersburg Va., just prior to Lee's surrender.

On April 2nd. 1865, at 2 a.m., Captain Allen while assisting on the picket line, was fired upon, the bullet passing through both thighs. He was carried off the field in blankets, by Van Orden brothers to a field hospital. After three days he was taken to Armory Square Hospital at Washington D.C. While lying there Abraham Lincoln spoke to Captain Allen expressing his sympathy. Mr. Allen retired from active business about twelve years ago but has since been actively connected as director of the Dover Trust Company, Park Union Lumber Co., and Dover Building and Loan Association. He was one of the organizers of the Dover Electric Light Co. and was instrumental in locating numerous business enterprises in Dover, one of which was the Dover Wood Heel Factory. He served as postmaster, assessor and collector of taxes for Randolph Township and always showed integrity.

For years he was an elder of the Presbyterian Church, always being a regular attendant.

M. ADELADE ALLEN

2--M. Adelaide Allen married W. Doty M. D.
He died August 21st. 1905. They had no children.

H. ESTELLA ALLEN

4--H. Estella Allen, married Edward L. Petty
November 15th. 1888, and had one child.

1--Ethel A Petty born October 11th. 1889.

CARRIE L. ALLEN

5--Carrie L. Allen, married Frank B. Hagaman
November 28th. 1894, and have one child.

1--M. Eleanor Hagaman born April 30th. 1900.

CHARLES A ALLEN

6--Charles A. Allen, married Emma Simpson
April 28th. 1897. They had three children .

1--Marion Allen, born November 20th. 1897.
Died December 21st. 1898.

2--Emily Allen born February 5th. 1900.

3--Charles A. Allen born February 19th. 1903.

D. FRED ALLEN

7--D. Fred Allen, married Lottie B. Warman
October 6th. 1896. They had four children.

1--Edward M. Allen, born May 23rd. 1899.

2--Fredrick G. Allen, born March 11th. 1904.

3--Lewis L. Allen, born September 2nd. 1905.

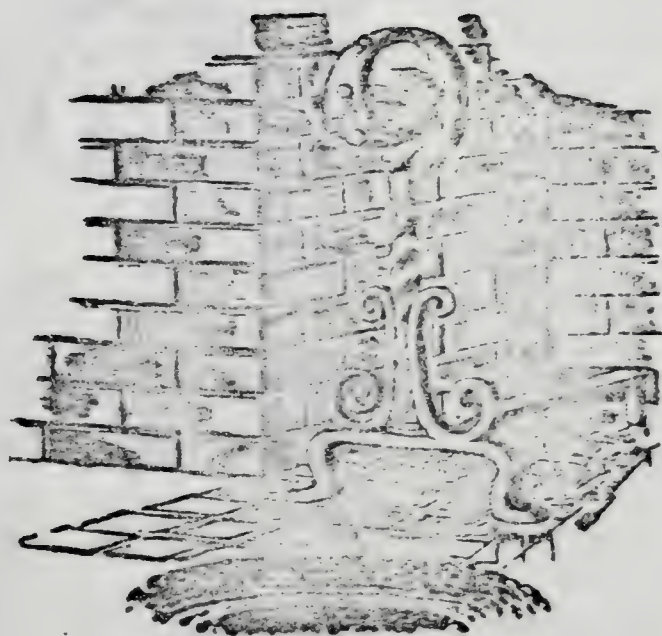
4--William D. Allen born April 29th. 1910.

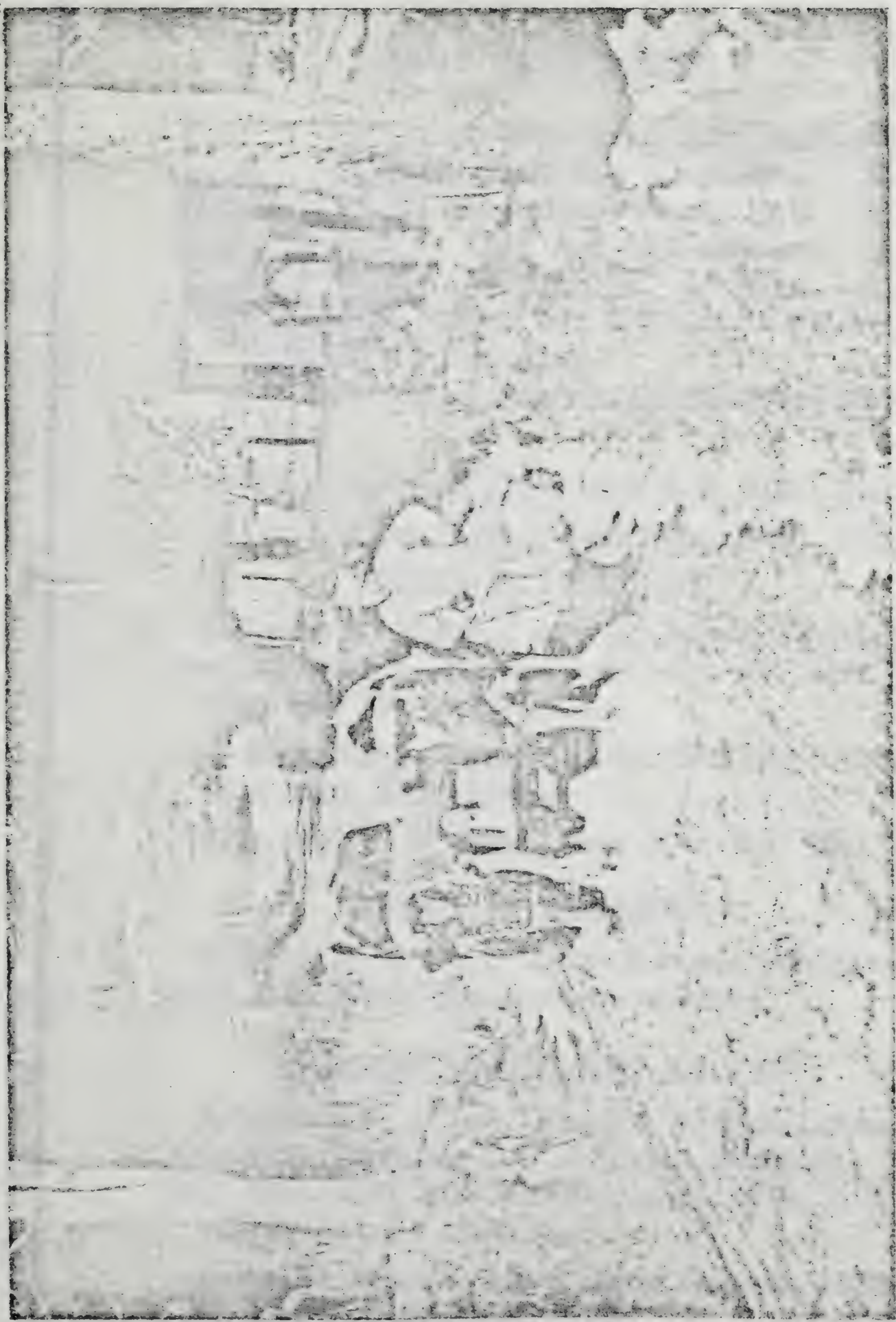
L. GRACE ALLEN

8--L. Grace Allen, married Fred O. Hopkins
December 5th. 1900. They had two children.

1--Earl M. Hopkins, born November 2nd, 1901.

2--Marjorie E. Hopkins, born November 10th.
1913.





OX TEAM ON A MOUNTAIN ROAD.

MARY JANE ALLEN



ary Jane Allen, married Nelson Hulbert July 7th. 1859. He was born February 19th. 1831.

They had four children.

1--Emma R. Hulbert, born April 2nd 1860, and died March 14th. 1868.

2--Susie A. Hulbert, born Mar. 29th. 1866.

3--Mary Bertha Hulbert born Nov. 11th .1867.

4--Lizzie Allen Hulbert born Sept. 19th. 1878.

EMMA R. HULBERT

1--Emma R. Hulbert, married James Wortman Jan. ---- 1885. He was born Sept. 7th. 1856. They had two children.

1--Raymond N. Wortman, born Dec. 18th. 1889. Died Sept. 28th. 1890.

2--J. Harold Wortman, born Mar. 8th. 1893.

SUSSIE A. HULBERT

2--Sussie A. Hulbert, married James Wortman June 4th. 1900. They have no children.

ERASTUS DICKERSON ALLEN

3--Erastus D. Allen, married Almira Louisa Valentine November 7th. 1866. She was born July 22nd. 1843, and died September 16th. 1913.

They had six children.

1--Walter Erastus Allen, born January 11th. 1869, and died July 25th. 1875.

2--Minnie Dickerson Allen, born January 6th.

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3--Edward Pierson Allen, born May 28th. 1875.

4--Grace Elizabeth Allen, born February 17th. 1877. Died November 29th. 1881.

5--Paul Harrison Allen, born June 2nd. 1878. Died May 27th. 1879.

6--Lulu Allen, born Janurry 18th. 1882, and died December 8th. 1884.

GEORGE W, ALLEN

2--George W. Allen, married Jerusha Hibbie. They had no children.

A LETTER

Mount Freedom N.J. March 29th. 1915.

Mr. George W. Allen,
LaPorte Indiana.

Dear Sir:-

I received the Genealogy of the Samuel Allen family a few days ago and I was much pleased with it. I thank you for sending me a copy.

I have shown it to my friends and they too think it is very good. It hink you went to a lot of work getting it up so nicely, you deserve a great deal of credit for so doing.

When I write your name it almost brings my dear brother home again.

He passed away in 1881. He named himself when nine year old. One day father got the bible and said "Bub" what shall I put your name down in this book? He said George W. Allen. He said, the W. was for Uncle William Allen (your grand father) of whom he thought so much of, as we all did.

How well I remember his coming to our home, in the year of 1848, and staying all night on his way to New York City, to get his ticket for California, in the gold rush. And now my brother Erastus is in California attending the Grand Exposition. The picture I sent you some time ago, shows my husband, Nelson Hulbert sitting on the porch, and my daughter May Hulbert near him. She is now the Mount Freedom Postmistress. The others in the picture are Myself, Mary Jane Allen Hulbert.

Thanking you once again,

Yours truly,

Mrs. Nelson Hulbert



This letter was to thank me for the first Genealogy made by hand upon my drafting board.

This little volume now takes its place.

The Author.

ROBERT PIERSON ALLEN

2--Robert P. Allen, second son of Samuel and Jane Parson Allen, was born Jan, 6th. 1813, at Rockaway N.J. Died at Westminster Maryland Oct. 11th. 1904. He married Phebe Ann Fordyce in Shongum N.J. May 27th. 1840. She was born Oct. 26th. 1819, and died in Shongum N.J. Oct. 15th. 1856. They had two children.

1--Jane Eliza Allen, born Jan. 24th. 1842, died June-----1881.

2--Agnes Sophia Allen, born Sept. 27th. 1845.
Both children were born in Shongum N.J.

Robert P. Allen's second wife was Lucenda Young Lee of Newark N.J. 1860. She died Feb. 1887, at Mt. Freedom N.J. She was born Feb. 19th. 1814. Robert P. Allen was a member of the Rockaway Presbyterian Church in 1832.

JANE ELIZA ALLEN

1--Jane Eliza Allen, married J. Andrew Casterline Nov. 10th. 1868. She was born Sept. 19th. 1739. They had one child.

1--May Allen Casterline, born May 24th. 1870.

AGNES SOPHIA ALLEN

Agnes S. Allen, married Rufus Northrup Oct. 24th. 1866, at Mt. Freedom N.J. He was born Feb. 17th. 1844. They had four children.

1--Helen Northrup, born Jan. 6th. 1870. at Canadensis Pa.

2--Emily Foryce Northrup, born July 5th. 1871. at Canadensis Pa. Died August---- 1872.

3--Evelyn Hope Northrup, born Dec. 5th. 1874,
at Canadensis Pa.

4--Albert Allen, born Oct. 30th. 1877, at Tunk-
hannock.

HELEN NORTHRUP

1--Helen Northrup, married Marcus Whitfield
Adams of East Orange N.J, Feb. 5th. 1907.

A LETTER

Los Angeles, California. April 21st 1914.

Mr. George W. Allen,
La Porte Indiana.

My dear Cousin:-

Yours of the 17th. is just received.

Your grandfather, Uncle William Allen, I remember with deep respect and gratitude because of the respect in which my father always held him, and because of a very special favor he once did for my father shortly after his return to New Jersey from the California gold fields.

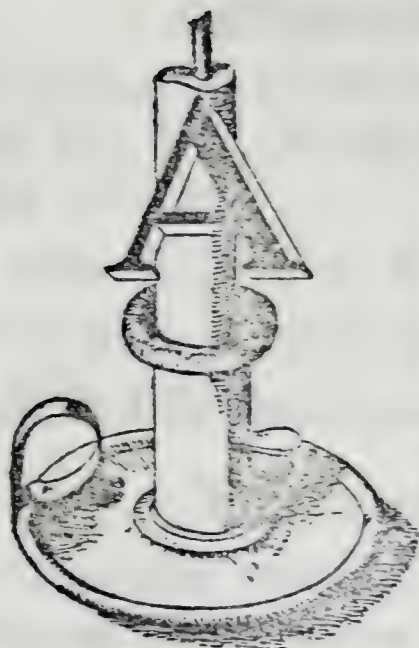
I also knew your father slightly, as a young man. When I reach home in May, I shall be able to supply you with the missing dates as mentioned in your letter.

The name Parsons is correct, equally with Pierson, and is evidently the original.

That is, my father has the family name, and was called Pierson: while he always spoke of his grandfathers name as Parsons.

Sincerely yours,

Agnes A. Northrup.



BIGAIL ALLEN born Dec. 7th. 1815, and died May 24th. 1888. She married John Rutan Nov. 11th. 1835. He was born Jan. 22nd. 1815. Died May 10th. 1866. They had five children.

1--George E. Rutan, born Nov. 5th. 1836, died Feb. 18th. 1860.

2--Emma E. Rutan born, April 27th. 1838, died May 17th. 1860.

3--John Rutan Jr., born March 27th. 1840, died March 13th. 1841.

4-- Mary E. Rutan, born Feb. 23rd. 1847, died Sept. 24th. 1906.

5--Catherine C. Rutan, born Oct. 2nd. 1855.

MARY E. RUTAN

4--Mary E. Rutan. married Leander Searing Feb. 17th. 1870, at Mendham N.J. by Rev. T.W. Cochran. Leander was born in Dover N.J. Aug. 14th. 1846. They had four children.

1--George Maurice Searing, born May 24th 1871 at Elizabeth N.J. Died Oct. 2nd. 1879 at Lancaster Pa.

2--Hattie Searing, born July 13th. 1872, in Elizabeth N.J. and died May 10th. 1886 at Philadelphia. Pa.

3--Alberta Allen Searing, born Dec. 3rd. 1873 in Newark N.J. and died April 4th. 1876.

4--Roseville Searing, born March 10th. 1877, in Roseville N.J.

CATHERINE C. RUTAN

5--Catherine C. Rutan, married George Doland June 2nd. 1874, He died May 27th. 1900. They had three children.

1--Lila B. Doland, born May 1st. 1878.

2--Murray R. Doland born Aug. 30th. 1882.

3--Ethel F. Doland born Dec. 10th. 1888.

ROSEVILLE SEARING

4--Roseville Searing, married Anna May Furguson of Elizabethtown Pa.

LILA B. DOLAND

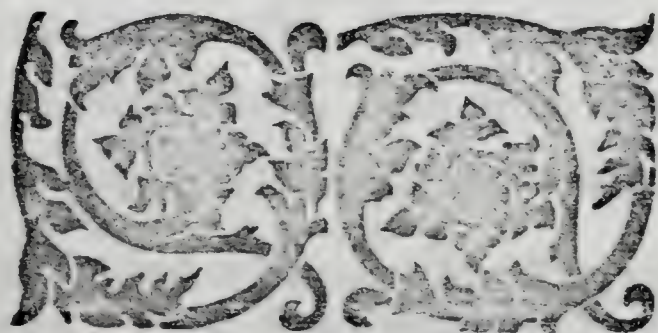
1--Lila B. Doland, married J. Curtis Peirce July 18th. 1900. He was born May 27th. 1877. They had four children.

1--Marion F. Peirce, born Mar. 26th. 1891. Died March 28th. 1907.

2--Melvin C. Peirce, born April 30th. 1907.

3--Helen R. Peirce, born April 30th. 1907.
They were twins.

4--Evalyn L. Peirce, born Oct. 10th. 1909.





ARY ALLEN, born Nov. 10 th. 1817, died March 18 1900. She married Job Wolfe May 25th. 1842 He was born Oct. 5th. 1799, died Feb. 16th. 1892. They had nine children.

1--George H. Wolfe, born Jan. 11th. 1843.

2--Catherine J. Wolfe, born Feb. 26th. 1844, died Nov. 9th. 1862.

3--Samuel Allen Wolfe, born Dec. 16th. 1845, died Nov. 28th. 1907.

4--Charles Miller Wolfe, born Nov. 14th. 1847.

5--Amzie Ellsworth Wolfe born Jan. 27th. 1850.

6--Philep W Wolfe, born Nov. 14th. 1852, died June 10th. 1908.

7--Aaron Robert Wolfe, born Nov. 11th. 1854, died Sept. 26th. 1914.

9--Mary L. Wolfe, born May 19th. 1858, died Oct. 25th. 1890.

9--Anna Amelia Wolfe, born Oct. 16th. 1861, died Feb. 16th. 1909.

GEORGE H. WOLFE

1--George.H.Wolfe, married Elizabeth Young Dec. 21st. 1870. She was born Jan. 21st. 1850. Died Oct. 24th. 1877. They had two children.

1--D. Elmer Wolfe, born Nov. 27th. 1871.

2--Ida May Wolfe, born Mar. 5th. 1875.

His second wife was Ida Young, a sister of first wife. They were married Nov, 24th. 1878.

She was born Dec. 5th. 1856. They had three children.

1--Arthur H. Wolfe, born Jan. 25th. 1884.

2--Fred E. Wolfe, born July 26th. 1887.

3--Elsie Lillian Wolfe, born Feb. 2nd. 1896, died Nov. 14th. 1899.

SAMUEL ALLEN WOLFE

3--Samuel A. Wolfe, married Mollie E. Penix May 15th. 1887. She was born May 10th. 1861.

They had one child.

1-- Layton Allen Wolfe, born Mar. 3rd. 1899.

CHARLES MILLEN WOLFE

4--Charles M. Wolfe, married Martha L. Briant Sept. 25th. 1872. See was born July 21st. 1849. They had two children.

1--Agusta Louise Wolfe, born June 25th. 1879.

2--Edgar B. Wolfe, born Aug. 2nd. 1881.

AMZIE ELSWORTH WOLFE

5--Amzie E. Wolfe married Lena DeKay (no date known) She wns born Feb. 23rd. 1855.

They had two children.

1--Ernest A. Wolfe, born Nov. 7th. 1881.

2.-Charles DeKay Wolfe, born Aug. 12th. 1884.

AARON ROBERT WOLFE

7--Dr. Aaron R. Wolfe, was born Nov. 11th. 1854. He was killed in an Auto accident near Paterson N J. Sept. 26th. 1914.

PHILIP W. WOLFE

6--Philip W. Wolfe, married Caroline Adam, (date not known,) She was born Feb. 7th. 1858.

They had three children.

1--Susan A. Wolfe, born Jan. 21st. 1887.

2--William Howard Wolfe, born June 22nd 1890.

3--Helen W. Wolfe, born Nov. 30th. 1894.

ANNA AMELIA WOLFE

--Anna A. Wolfe, married George A. Dickerson (date not known.) They had one child.

1--Mary Elizabeth Dickerson, born Mar. 13th. 1898.

D. ELMER WOLFE

1--D. Elmer Wolfe, married Sussie Ammeron Nov. 9th. 1893. She was born Nov. 9th. 1873.

• They had three children.

1--Mable Wolfe, born Aug. 24th. 1894.

2--William Wolfe, born Jan. 8th. 1899.

3--Allen Wolfe, born Oct. 9th. 1903.

IDA MAY WOLFE

2--Ida M. Wolfe, married Arthur Crane Feb. 28th. 1894. He was born Sept. 29th. 1874.

They had three children.

1--Milton Crane, born May 6th. 1897.

2--Carol Crane, born April 1st. 1899.

3--Charlotte Crane, born Oct. 22nd. 1901.

ARTHUR H. WOLFE

1--Arthur H. Wolfe. married Ethel Harper June 19th. 1912. She was born April 1st. 1889.

FREDRICK E WOLFE

2--Fredrick E. Wolfe, married Elva Victoria Whitford Sept. 12th. 1914.

ERNEST A. WOLFE

1--Ernest A. Wolfe, married Helen Elizabeth Kerr, (no date of marriage) They have three children.

1--Allen Kerr Wolfe, born Aug. 3rd. 1906.

2--Carolyn Wolfe, born Jan.----1908.

3--John Harris Wolfe, born June-----1913.

CHARLES D. WOLFE

2--Charles D. Wolfe, married Eva Marie Winterburn, (no date of marriage known) She was born Oct. 13th. 1882. They have one child.

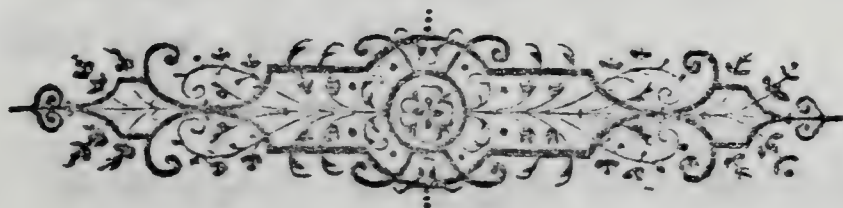
1--Marie Wolfe. born Feb. 5th. 1911.

SUSAN A. WOLFE

1--Susan A. Wolfe, married Donald Holmes. (no date known) He was born Feb. 20th. 1887. They have two children.

1--Susan Carolyn Holmes born Dec. 28th. 1911.

2--Edward C. Holmes born July 30th. 1914.





CATHARINE ALLEN born Aug. 8th. 1819
Died April 3rd 1893. She married John
Powers, June 30th. 1838 He was born Jan.
1817, died Aug. 26th. 1893. They had nine children.

1--Charles Hudson Powers, born Mar. 30th. 1840. died April 16th. 1842.

2--Mary Elizabeth Powers, born Sept. 23rd. 1842, died June 8th. 1913.

3--Phebe M. Powers, born July 28th. 1844.

4--Laura A. Powers, born Oct. 25th. 1847, died March 30th. 1886.

5--Emma Jane Powers, born Mar. 30th. 1849, died Sept. 26th. 1875.

6--Augusta Powers, born Jan. 9th. 1852, died March 22nd. 1900.

7--Sarah T. Powers, born Dec. 2nd. 1853.

8--Georgiana Powers, born June 2nd. 1857 at Shongum, N.J.

9--Elmer E. Powers. born Aug. 30th. 1862.

MARY ELIZABETH POWERS

2--Mary E. Powers, married Jessie Jennings, May 30th. 1863. He was born April 10 th. 1841. They had seven children.

1--Laura S. Jennings, born Jan. 13th. 1866. died Mar. 8th. 1887.

2--Minnie Jennings, born July 31st. 1867.

3--George E. Jennings, born April 1st. 1869.

4--Amanchus H. Jennings, born Feb. 23rd. 1872.

5--Flosie B Jennings, born Feb. 10th. 1874,
Died Aug. 30th 1874.

6--Thomas F. Jennings, born Dec. 25th. 1877.

7--Robert T-Jennings, born Aug. 23rd. 1880.

PHEBE MARIA POWERS

3--Phebe M. Powers, married Joseph J. Losey
Oct. 24th. 1857. He was born May 10th. 1834.
Died Sept. ---1887. They had eight children.

1--Catharine A. Losey, born Sept. 2nd. 1869.

2--Sarah F. Losey, born Oct, 28th. 1871.

3--Grace E. Losey, born Mar. 23rd- 1873.

4--Fred Losey, born April. 20th. 1876.

5--Elmer E. Losey, born Oct. 28. 1877.

6--George Francis Losey, born Jan. 31st. 1879.

7--Mary E. Losey, born July 8th. 1882

8--Clareme Losey, born Nov. 15th. 1885.

LAURA A. POWERS

4--Laura A. Powers married Alonzo Searing.
Feb. 4th. 1869. He was born June 26th. 1844,
at Millbrook N.J. They had two children.

1--Lizzie A. Searing, born Nov. 2nd. 1869.

2--Wilber B. Searing, born Oct. 29th. 1877.

EMMA JANE POWERS

5--Emma J. Powers, married Lewis Lamson,
(date not known) He was born March 9th. 1841.
Died Jan. 9th. 1897. They had one child.

1--Mabel L. Lamson, born Dec. 16th. 1871, died
Oct. 1st. 1874.

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SARAH T. POWERS

7--Sarah T. Powers, married Marshall Losey,
(no date known.) He was born Jan. 31st. 1843.

GEORGIANA POWERS

8--Georgiana Powers, married William W. Sickles Mar. 25th. 1875. He was born May 22nd. 1852. They had one child.

1--Charles F. Sickles, born Mar. 5th. 1879.

ELMER E. POWERS

9--Elmer E. Powers, married Rhoda Armita Smith Feb. 9th. 1888. She was born July 19th. 1867. They had one child.

1--Raymond Lyon Powers, born Oct. 17th. 1893.

GEORGE E. JENNINGS

3--George E. Jennings, married, no children,
(no record at hand.)

AMACHUS H. JENNINGS

(no record.)

FRED LOSEY

4--Fred Losey, married Lousia J. Powers Dec. 13th. 1898. She was born Nov. 9th. 1876.

They had three children.

1--Howard J. Losey, born June 14th. 1906.

2--Ruth A. Losey, born Dec. 22nd. 1908.

3--Marion Losey, born April 30th. 1914.

GEORGE FRANCIS LOSEY

7--George F. Losey, married Ada May Apgar June 28th. 1895. She was born Dec. 11th, 1880.

CLAREME LOSEY

8--Clareme Losey married Rachel Etta Kent Sept. 10th. 1907. She was born Feb. 2nd. 1884.

CHARLES F SICKLES

1--Charles F. Sickles, married Alfreda L. Correll July 20th. 1910 at Dunmore, Pa. She was born Mar. 11th. 1879, at Gravity, Pa.

WILBER B. SEARING

2--Wilber B. Searing, married Laura M. Sutton June 19th. 1906. She was born May 7th. 1882. They had one child.

1--Marjorie M. Searing, born June 19th. 1907.

HENRY B. ALLEN

1--Henry B. Allen, born Oct. 21st. 1827, at Shongum N.J. and died im Chicago Ill. Nov. 26 th. 1903, He married Mary Estile-----1850. She was born April 3rd. 1828 at Rockaway N.J. They had two children.

1--Evalyn Allen, born May 13th. 1852.

2--Samuel J. Allen born Feb. 14th. 1854.

Both children were born in Rockaway N.J.

SAMUEL. J. ALLEN

2--Samuel J. Allen, married Eleanor Theresa Corcorn of Ireland Feb. 14th. 1886. She was born April 3rd. 1858, died Dec. 7th, 1907. Had no children.

His second wife was Josephine Simpson of San Francisco Cal. married Dec. 23rd. 1909. She was born Nov. 24th. 1859. Have no children.

A LETTER

Chicago Ill. April 1st. 1914.

George W. Allen

Your letter of March 25th. at hand, and I can truly say, it was a great surprise, as it was the first I ever knew there was such a person in existence. I was very glad to hear from you, and find there is one to take an interest in tracing the genealogy of Grandfather Samuel Allen's large family. I have a few records somewhere in the house which my father (Henry B. Allen) had taken a great deal of pains to collect, but am unable to find them. Have spent the whole morning trying to find them. When I find them, will send you a copy. (She never did, she died soon after writing this letter.)

At an Allen "Reunion" given in 1876 at the old homestead, my father was there. It was then, he tried to trace the family. Mrs Nancy Casterline, a cousin to father was there. She gave him some very interesting points in their history. One was, that General Darling was a General in the Revolutionary war and was a great grandfather to Samuel Allen, my grandfather. Other things might be mentioned, but I am not sure of myself without finding these papers.

I hope this letter will be satisfactory. If there is anything else you wish to know, please do not hesitate in asking me.

Yours very truly,

Eva Allen.

It has been told, how Henry B. Allen entered a music contest in New York City in his young days. It was the rule of the contest, that a sheet of music would be handed them as they faced the audience and they must sing the piece at once without the aid of any instrument. When Henry finished his piece, Dr. Bradbury, the noted Hymn writer, said to him: " Mr. Allen " will you please sing that song through again?

He did it so well the first time, he won the first prize. It was said, when he taught school at Millbrook N.J. he carried his Bass Viol to school and taught singing to his classes.

He was a lover of music, and I understand he had charge of music in the Chicago schools for many years. I wish I had a more complete record of this man's fine service to the great city of Chicago, but these records are not at hand.

ALFRED LEWIS ALLEN

4--Alfred L. Allen, born May 25th. 1832, died March 3rd. 1913. He married Josephine Conduit Feb. ----1863. She was born Aug. ----1939, Died Oct. ----1907, They had two children.

1--Fredrick Conduit Allen born Dec. 2nd. 1865.

2--Andrew Smith Allen, born June 27th. 1869.

FREDRICK CONDUIT ALLEN

1--Fredrick C. Allen, married Isabel Maud King Oct. 12th. 1807. She was born Feb. 14th. 1866. They had two children.

1--Iverson King Allen, born Feb. 6th. 1901.

2--Blanch Isabel Allen born Oct. 27th. 1994.

Alfred L. Allen moved to Whippany soon after their marriage, where Fredrick C. Allen was born. They moved to Newark when Fredrick was about 16 years old. Alfred L. Allen was a Railroad man, served in the capacity of an accountant. Andrew S. Allen was, in 1915 engaged in Real Estate and was an Insurance Broker, at Pasadena, California.

ANDREW SMITH ALLEN

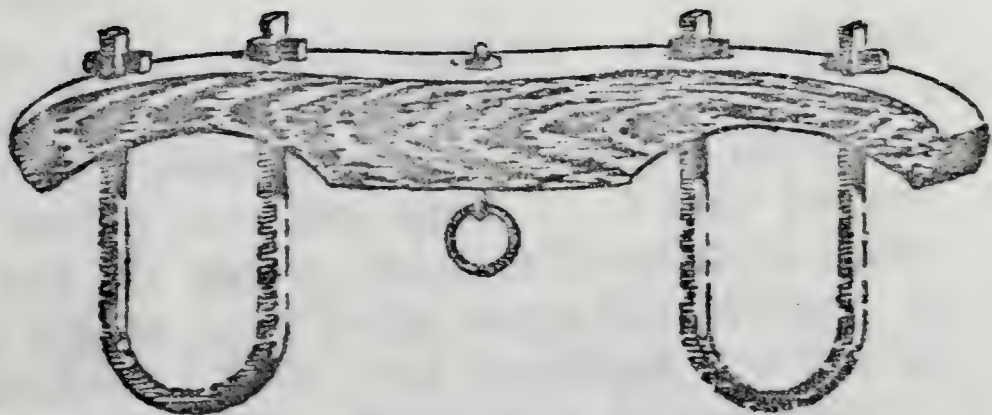
2--Andrew S. Allen, married Mary Alice Flintoft Nov. 2nd. 1993. She was born June 8th. 1874. They had four children.

1--Andrew Smith Allen, born Aug. 4th. 1894, died Feb, 13th. 1895.

2--Elizabeth Flintoft Allen born Mar, 10th, 1898.

3--Josephine Conduit Allen born Dec. 13th. 1899.

4--Robert I. Anson Allen born Jan. 28th. 1901.



A LETTER

San Francisco, California,

April 14th, 1914.

Mr. George W. Allen,

La Porte, Indiana.

Dear Sir:-

My sister, Mary Jane Hulbert, of Mount Freedom, Morris County, N.J., some months ago wrote me that a gentlemen from Indiana was eager to obtain the history of the Allen family, and she asked me to send my history to him, but delayed doing so until a few days ago when I received your communication of April 1st, again making the request. Not until I received this from you did I know that you belonged directly to our family, and that I had found a new relative I did not know existed.

I knew your father, Charles Allen, well, and well remember the last time I saw him.

He was visiting at my parents in Mount Freedom (then called Walnut Grove.) I, then a boy, lived at home. I think it was about the year 1860.

He and I walked together to Morristown, the county seat of Morris County, which was a distance of about six miles. I cannot remember ever having seen him again. I hear he had died and his widow, living in Dover for a while, cared for Ira Allen (who was a half brother to her husband), who was paralyzed. Ira was an older son of William Allen by a former wife.

I also remember your grandfather, having seen him often after his return from California having come (to this very state where I now am) in the Forty Nine rush, and remained out here for some time. As I used to hear when a boy, he did not prospect for gold but followed his trade as shoemaker for the miners and lived on the Sacramento River between San Francisco and Sacramento, probably sixty miles east of this city where I am now writing from.

Your grandfather (who was called "Uncle Billy Allen ") had White thin hair, was of medium size, was deformed in his feet, walking one foot sideways before the other, but that did not impede his progress as he was a fast walker and very active in his speech, and full of business.

After remaining in California, for some time he returned to his old home at Milton, N.J. where his family had resided, and I did not see him after I left my home to go out in the world in the spring of 1861, as also was the case with many of my uncles and cousins. For instance, Uncle Pierson Allen had only two children--both girls--Jane Eliza, the oldest (who died many years ago, I believe) also Agnes, who went away to some seminary about the time I left home.

She married a man by the name of Northrup and I have never seen her since we were children, but about three months ago my sister, Mary (who seems to keep posted) wrote me that my cousin Agnes as in California. Her husband, her daughter and herself were spending the winter in Los Angeles and also sent me the number of the apartment where they were stopping, so I wrote her and although for over fifty we have not

seen each other, yet several letters have passed between us. Occasionally she wrote from San Diego and then again from Los Angeles.

The last letter I received from San Diego saying that she would return to Los Angeles and from there they would journey home to, I believe, Delaware or Maryland, I do not remember, and to address her in care of general delivery Los Angeles. I wrote her to come this way and let us have a family reunion here in California, as here in San Francisco we have another cousin, Samuel J. Allen, son of Henry B. Allen, a half brother of your grandfather. He has lived here since, I think 1878.

Agnes has not seen him since. I suppose he was a mere baby then, as he is some seven years younger than Agnes and me. I told her in my letter that it would be almost a calamity if she did not come and see us, but only today the letter I wrote her on March 30th. was returned to me unclaimed.

I had dinner with my cousin last evening and told him of writing to her, and my request, and he was also anxious to know her answer.

I know he too will be disappointed when he learns that the letter was returned.

Agnes, as a girl, was a great scholar; she had the most wonderful memory of any one of whom I ever knew. In Sunday School which we both attended, the scholars were requested to commit to memory the New Testament and repeat portions they learned. I know I committed and repeated nearly one half, but I learned she committed the whole of the entire New Testament.



Samuel, the cousin that is here, I have seen before on former visits here in 1905 and 1909.

He has been married twice. I met his first wife, and have also had many pleasant visits and good meals with his present one. Both wives were splendid women. He, too, is a fine man.

He is a wholesale coal salesman, which has been his business for several years.

He owns his home at 442 Scott Street.

His father, Henry B. Allen, who died in Chicago, was a great student, having been for years, both in New Jersey and Illinois a school teacher. He came from N.J. to Chicago in 1872.

I went to school to him when he taught in Walnut Grove. He was also quite a musician, vocal as well as instrumental; he used to go about teaching what was called singing school in different part without any pay, only for the love of the work and was always the leader of the choirs of the church in any section of the country in which he lived. He retained his voice until his death. He played the violin, bass viol, organ and piano. What he knew in music he acquired himself, having had only the country school training in elementary music. He seemed to have the gift of learning anything he undertook.

He too, I learn from his son, had started to trace back the ancestry of the Allen family with the idea of writing the family history, which I learn is now in the hands of his daughter who is Eva Allen, living at 2810 Lowell Avenue, Chicago. She has never been married,

She is now about sixty four years of age, though very young looking. I saw her out here at her brother's in 1905. She then was about fifty five years of age and looked thirty.

I have learned since I came here last December, that Alfred Lewis Allen (a brother of Henry) had died at Los Angeles, California, about one year ago. It is also a coincidence that I had a brother who is dead; his name was George William Allen, the William named after your grandfather.

Some years, while at my sister's, Mary Jane's at Mount Freedom, she gave me the records of my grandfather (your great grandfather), Samuel Allen, which I am sending in this letter.

Note:- This was omitted from this letter because these records are covered in this book.

I remember he lived at Shongum where most of his children were born. The latter part of his life he lived at Walnut Grove which is about two and a half miles from Shongum, and lived in the same house as his son Robert Pierson Allen did

Grandfather was a good natured old man, as I remember him. He liked to smoke his pipe, was a little lame from rheumatism, was quite a large man with appearance of having been strong in his younger days.

I will now go directly to my own family with such history of myself as you can use.

Erastus Dickerson Allen, son of Amzie and Elizabeth D. Allen, was born at Mill Brook near Dover N.J., January 9th. 1845. When about five years of age, moved with his parents to Walnut Grove, the name has since been changed to Mount Freedom. Here he resided, working and going to the little stone school house, where he received his only schooling. One of his teachers at that time, was Mrs. S.H.E. Clark, (in 1856) At this writing, April 14th. 1914 living in St. Louis, Mo.

On April 1st. 1861 I left home, going to Morristown N.J. and learned the painter's trade with Hamilton & Donaldson, serving three years apprenticeship. At the invasion of Pennsylvania in 1863, emergency troops were called for and a company was quickly recruited in Morristown, commanded by Captain George Gage and I went with the company as a fifer. They were hurried to Trenton, the capital, there uniformed and armed and hurried on to Harrisburg, capital of Pa.

The Battle of Gettysburg was then going on.

The Company with other troops from Pennsylvania and New York crossed the Susquehanna and on the road to Gettysburg, but the battle being ended, they were halted at Yellow Breeches Creek and guarded the road and prisoners which had been taken in battle.

As the army of Lee had been driven out of the state and no more danger of invasion seemed imminent, these emergency troops were hurried home, where there seemed danger from draft riots, which too was soon dispelled and after thirty days of service, the troops were discharged and I again went on with my painting apprenticeship, serving until April 1st. 1864 working as a Journeyman in Newark and also Jersey City, N.J.

In the fall of 1865, I went to St Louis, Mo. working at sign painting until 1866, when I returned to Morristown and engaged in the painting business, in company with Fredrick W. Carr, the firm name being for the next four years Carr & Allen. I then went in business for myself until 1879. On November 7th. 1866 I married Almira Louise Valentine. who was born near Baskinridge, Somerset County New Jersey.

July 22nd. 1843, and died September 16th. 1913 at St. Louis Mo. Six children were born to them.

See page 78 for names and dates.

Minnie Dickerson Allen married Melvin J Smith, now live in Sioux City, Iowa. She has two children, Gladys Louise Smith, born Jan. 11th. 1899, and Manlon Allen Smith born Sept. 5th, 1901.

Edward Pierson Allen, married Clara Agnes Ballmey, Nov. 9th. 1911, now live in St. Louis Mo. Have no children.

Again taking up the history of Erastus D. from 1879, who was then in the painting business at Morristown, in that year I received an appointment in the Indian service through Carl Schurtz who was then Secretary in the Interior under President Hayes I was ordered to Rosebud Indian Agency in the western part of Dakota, where I arrived in April 1879. This was one of the largest of the Indian Agencies, there being about 9000 Indians there who live in tepees, dressed and adhered to the old customs of the Indians.

This was the home of the Famous Sioux chief, Spotted Tail, who at the time was the recognized chief of all Sioux Indians.

These Indians had been removed the year before from the old Ponca Reservation on the Missouri River, to this new established Agency, about one hundred miles inland from the Missouri River, N.W. I remained at the Agency over a year, but as my family was still at our home in Morristown N.J I. returned there in July 1880 and again engaged in the painting and decorating business until October 1883. I removed with my wife and three children to the then growing town of Sioux City, in the extreme N.W. part of Iowa. Here I again went into the business

of painting and decorating, doing work in all parts of the country about here. In the summer of 1887 the enterprising citizens of the town, wishing to celebrate the bountious harvest, built a corn palace and engaged me to decorate the structure with corn and other cereals, the entire outside being covered with corn, wheat, oats, millet, flax and other products, nailed on the board covering, forming artistic and pictorial designs, until the entire outside of the huge palace which had been erected exclusively for the occasion, was covered with a new decoration, such as the world had never before seen.

The ladies formed different societies, decorating the interior and when finished, there appeared as it were.

A Bower of Beauty,

Wondrous, Sublime.

From Earth's Products,

Inspired Divine.

The Celebration lasted several days, as the Merchants and public buildings decorated also with the same idea.

Parades and other entertainments brought crowds there, the papers of this country, also Europe had praises and illustrations of this new idea, and as it seemed such a success, other palaces were erected larger and more elaborate in the years 1888, 1889, 1890 and 1891 until Sioux City was named the Corn Palace City of the world.

I also decorated the palaces of 1888 and 1891

Other cities of the country caught the idea and I was engaged to go to Fort Worth, Texas in the years of 1889 and 1890, where they had what they called the Spring Palace Celebrations.

Also in the summer of 1890 I was found at Pueblo Colorado, decorating a mineral palace and again in the fall at Sioux City, decorating another corn palace, having work on three palaces in different sections of the United States the same year of 1890.

Early in 1891 I moved from Sioux City with my family to Corpus Christi, Texas, engaging in a land speculation, but it was not successful and as the World's Fair at Chicago was then building early in 1892 so I moved to Chicago and secured the appointment on the staff of D. H. Burnham (the noted architect who was the director of Works of the Exposition) as superintendent of painting and decorations, being the assistant also to Frank D. Millet, the noted artist who had immediate charge of all decorations of every class of the exposition. Mr. Millet lost his life in the sinking of the ill fated steamship Titanic, April 1912. Mr. Burnham is also dead.

With these two noted men I was agreeably and closely associated in the great work of making the great Columbian Exposition. As it seemed, exposition work was destined to be my chosen business. In 1895 I was official decorator of the Atlanta Exposition at Atlanta Georgia, also in 1897 the same position at Nashville Tenn. exposition, also in 1898 and 1899 at the Omaha Neb. exposition, these years from 1892 until 1900 I made my home in Chicago,

In 1900 I moved to Buffalo New York, where I was engaged doing work on the exposition held there in 1901 and where President McKinley was shot by a cruel assassin. In the winter of 1901 and 1902 I was engaged on work of the Charleston, S.C. Exposition, early in 1902 I moved to

St. Louis, Mo. where the great World's Fair to be held in 1904 was then starting to build. I did considerable there painting and decorating, the most notable being the installation of all the state of Missouri's exhibits.

In 1904 I was on Portland, Oregon, exposition, also in 1909 at Seattle, Washington, exposition, still making my home in St. Louis, returning from my work. On Sept. 16th. 1913, Mrs. Allen who had been my companion for many years, sharing in my triumphs, as also in my reverses, after a long illness, under doctor's care, passed away and was buried at Sioux City, Iowa, the home of her only daughter and as I was still in health and vigor, believing in work while the day lasts, again started for work of my chosen profession and on December 12th. 1913 I arrived in the City of the Golden Gate, San Francisco, again to offer my experience and services to help on the success of the Panama Pacific International Exposition, which opens its gates to the world on the Golden shore in 1915.

In spinning this thread of the Allen family, let us who remain hope and each have in their heart as also in practice, that sublime golden rule of "Whatsoever Ye Would That Men Should Do to You, Do Even So To Them.

To be Good, To be Kind to every Person As also to every thing in life. Helping a little Here and There. Honesty in every Particular being your only Hobby---seek to make Friends so you can keep them as such. This will bring the Happiness we want.

Very truly,

ERASTUS DICKERSON ALLEN,
Hotel Oliver,
San Francisco California.

This man "Erastus Allen" was not only an outstanding decorator, but also a writer. From his pen came a book "The Spirit of Christ's Sermon On the Mount. This little book of 56 pages, show he was a student of the Bible.

In a letter to me, he said, so far as he was able to learn, no one has ever written a book on this subject. His closing paragraph of this book are these words, ("So when life's shadows gather and dark hours come as it will, then let us turn on the light ---darkness will disappear")

CONCLUSION

It is nearly twenty four years since I began compiling the history of this large family.

In 1915 I sent out 32 copies of a hand made book of the Genealogy and history of the Samuel Allen family to the people who helped gather the data used in it. Much of that data has been used in this book. The history of the family before the birth of Samuel Allen in 1778 has been added, with a few short stories of the family, pictures of homes, to added interest to the little volumn. It was my hope to have some member of each branch of the family to write a short story of their family, so I wrote to several persons, asking them to do this so items of history might be saved, but no one came forward with the stories. Now after many weeks of labor, setting type, printing and binding this little volumn down in my celler, I now find my task completed. It has been a labor of love, and I now place before the family, this little book with the hope it may serve them and future

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generation to know who and what we are as a family. Finally, it's the author's desire to acknowledge his indebtedness to every one who helped to make the records as they are. Without their help, these records would have been impossible. While several typographical errors will be found here and there, but in the main I believe the names and dates are correct.

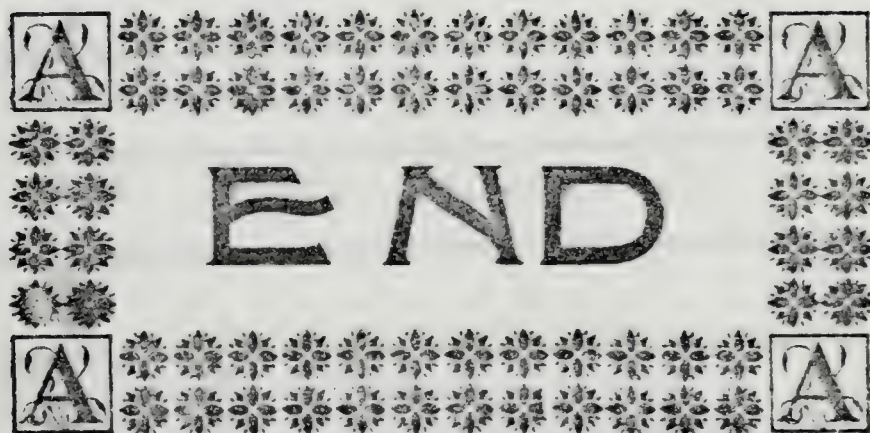
It's my hope, that some one will take up the burden and bring this history up to date.

George Wood Allen,

La Porte,

Indiana.

August 1st 1937.



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